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Youth attacked in Bhadravathi

HASSAN

Shivamogga continues to reel under tension as another incident of attack on a youth took place in Bhadravathi, which is about 20 km away from the city, on Tuesday within hours of police arresting the main accused in Monday's stabbing case.

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Plea against BU land allotment dismissed

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The High Court of Karnataka has dismissed a PIL petition, which had questioned the allotment of 18 acres of land in the sprawling 1,112 acres belonging to the Bangalore University to various educational institutes associated with the Central government.

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Namma Metro ridership crosses 8.25 lakh

BENGALURU

The highest-ever Namma Metro ridership was recorded on Monday as a whopping 8.25 lakh people travelled on a single day. The 'Freedom March' rally by the Congress at National College Ground, visitors at the flower show, and it being a holiday, contributed to the ridership.

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Chinese tracking vessel reaches Sri Lanka port

India and U.S. had objected to the presence of *Yuan Wang 5*

MEERA SRINIVASAN
ANANTH KRISHNAN
COLOMBO/ BEIJING

Show of support: Workers waving China's and Sri Lanka's national flags on the arrival of Chinese vessel *Yuan Wang 5* at the Hambantota port in Sri Lanka on Tuesday • AFP

China's satellite tracking vessel *Yuan Wang 5* arrived at Sri Lanka's southern Hambantota port on Tuesday, despite India and the U.S. voicing concern with Colombo over the military ship's visit. Hours after the vessel reached the Sri Lankan port, China said the "marine scientific research" activities of the vessel were "consistent with international law" and did not impact "any other country's security interests".

According to Colombo-based official sources, both India and the U.S. had conveyed their apprehensions to the Sri Lankan government at the highest level, citing the vessel's "military capabilities" while in the Indian Ocean Region.

Apparently addressing the concerns, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said on Tuesday: "I want to stress again that the marine scientific research activities of the *Yuan Wang 5* ship are consistent with international law and international common practice. They do not affect the security and the economic interests of any country and should not be obstructed by any third party."

China earlier slammed New Delhi's apprehensions as "unjustified" and "morally irresponsible", and "urged" New Delhi to "not disturb normal exchanges" between the two countries. New Delhi "rejected insinuations" that Sri Lanka was pressured.

Although the vessel's arrival was deferred by a few days subsequent to Colombo's request, the ship will be docked at Hambantota for a week as was earlier planned. "It will take some time for the *Yuan Wang 5* research ship to complete the replenishment of necessary supplies," Mr. Wang said at the daily briefing in Beijing.

China, he said, was ready to work with the Sri Lankan side to "consolidate political mutual trust, deepen win-win cooperation and promote sound and steady development of bilateral relations".

Sri Lanka has maintained strong ties with China over the years. Colombo recently said it firmly backs the 'One China Policy', and asked countries to "refrain from provocations", just after U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's controversial visit to Taiwan. Further, the Sri Lankan government is counting on China to help in the island's efforts to restructure its external debt, to be eligible for crucial IMF support amid an agonising economic downturn. Chinese loans account for about 10% of Sri Lanka's total foreign debt.

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31 Ministers inducted into Bihar Cabinet

Many of them have criminal background: BJP

AMARNATH TEWARY
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav, HAM(S) chief Jitan Ram Manjhi and RJD leader Rabri Devi at the swearing-in of Ministers in Patna on Tuesday. • PTI

The Nitish Kumar-led Bihar Cabinet on Tuesday expanded with the induction of 31 Ministers – 16 from the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), 11 from the Janata Dal-United (JD-U), two from the Congress, one from the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), and one Independent. They were administered the oath of office by Governor Phagu Chouhan.

Most of the JD(U)'s Ministers, including Bijendra Yadav, Ashok Choudhury, Sanjay Jha, Vijay Kumar Choudhury, Shrawan Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Lesi Singh, Sheela Kumari, Mohd Zama Khan and Madan Sahni of the previous National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, were retained. Seven RJD legislators from Yadav community became Ministers. The RJD has 16 Ministers, including party chief Lalu Prasad's elder son Tej Pratap. Five Ministers are from the Muslim community while three are women. The BJP slammed the Cabinet, saying it lacked "social equation", and that several MLAs with a "criminal background" had become Ministers.

On August 10, Mr. Kumar took oath as CM with Tejashwi Yadav as the Deputy CM.

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FIFA suspends India, Centre approaches SC

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday made an urgent request in the Supreme Court for an early hearing even as reports emerged that FIFA has suspended the All India Football Federation (AIFF), leaving the prospects of India hosting the Under-17 Women's World Cup in October bleak.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud that FIFA had sent a communication but did not reveal the contents.

Justice Chandrachud said the AIFF case was anyway listed as the first item on the court's board on August 17, adding that it would be taken up.

FIFA, in a statement, has cited "undue influence from third parties" as the reason for AIFF's suspension.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Easing trend

13.93 In %, the wholesale price-based inflation in July which eased to a five month low due to the softening of food prices and manufactured products. The WPI-based inflation softened for the second consecutive month in July, raising hopes of further decline in the months to come. Inflation of food articles in July eased to 10.77% from 14.39% in June. The rate of price rise in vegetables declined substantially to 18.25% in July against 56.75% the previous month. PTI

Mounting debt

60 In trillion Pakistani rupee (PKR), the country's debt in fiscal year 2021-22, a new high. The gross public debt stood at 49.2 trillion PKR by the end of the last fiscal year, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). An additional 9.3 trillion PKR was added in just one year. The central bank's latest debt bulletin for the fiscal year 2021-22, which it released on Monday also showcased that the debt burden increased in terms of the size of the national economy, indicating that Pakistan is at its worst and under a heavy load of unbearable debt.

Milk prices hiked

61 In ₹, the cost of Mother Dairy's full cream milk up from ₹59 per litre. Leading milk suppliers Amul and Mother Dairy will increase milk prices by ₹2 per litre with effect from Wednesday on account of rising input costs. This is the second hike by Amul and Mother Dairy in nearly six months. In the beginning of March, both had increased milk prices by ₹2 per litre. The Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation has said that Amul full cream milk will be available at ₹62 per litre in Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Delhi-NCR and Mumbai. PTI

National flag campaign

2.36 In crore, the number of national flags worth over ₹60 crore procured by different government departments from the public buying portal Government e-Marketplace (GeM) from July 1 to August 15. These procurements were carried out for the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. The Prime Minister had given a call on July 22 to strengthen the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement by hoisting or displaying the national flag at homes. As many as 4,159 sellers had registered on the GeM platform to supply the flags. PTI

Bihar cabinet

31 The number of Ministers who took oath in the newly formed Bihar cabinet. Among the Ministers who took the oath, 16 were from RJD, 11 from Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U), two from Congress, one from ex-CM Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) and one Independent. The number of Muslims in the new cabinet is five, up from only one in the previous NDA government that fell last week after the Chief Minister severed ties with the BJP. The RJD has, predictably, given a significant number of seven berths to the Yadavs. PTI

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EXPLAINER

Understanding ethanol blending

How is ethanol extracted? What are the environmental concerns with respect to this process?

K. BHARAT KUMAR

THE GIST

- Blending ethanol with petrol to burn less fossil fuel while running vehicles is called ethanol blending. Ethanol is an agricultural by-product. It's mainly obtained in the processing of sugar from sugarcane, but also from other sources such as rice husk or maize.
- The auto industry has committed to make all vehicles E20 (20% ethanol in petrol) material compliant by 2023. This means that the petrol points, plastics, rubber, steel and other components in vehicles would need to be compliant to hold/store fuel that is 20% ethanol.
- While ethanol blending can reduce CO2 emissions, inefficient land and water use for ethanol extraction as well as food security concerns still remain.

The story so far: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that India has achieved its target of blending 10% sugarcane-extracted ethanol in petrol, ahead of schedule. Addressing the nation from the Red Fort on the 76th Independence Day, he rooted for energy independence stating that, "we need to be Aatmanirbhar (self-sufficient) in our energy sector". India is one of the world's biggest oil importing nations.

What is ethanol blending?

Blending ethanol with petrol to burn less fossil fuel while running vehicles is called ethanol blending. Ethanol is an agricultural by-product which is mainly obtained from the processing of sugar from sugarcane, but also from other sources such as rice husk or maize. Currently, 10% of the petrol that powers your vehicle is ethanol. Though we have had an E10 – or 10% ethanol as policy for a while, it is only this year that we have achieved that proportion. India's aim is to increase this ratio to 20% originally by 2030 but in 2021, when NITI Aayog put out the ethanol roadmap, that deadline was advanced to 2025.

Ethanol blending will help bring down our share of oil imports (almost 85%) on which we spend a considerable amount of precious foreign exchange. Secondly, more ethanol output would help increase farmers' incomes.

The NITI Aayog report of June 2021 says, "India's net import of petroleum was 185 million tonnes at a cost of $55 billion in 2020-21," and that a successful ethanol blending programme can save the country $4 billion per annum.

What are first generation and second generation ethanols?

With an aim to augment ethanol supplies, the government has allowed procurement of ethanol produced from other sources besides molasses – which is first generation ethanol or 1G. Other than molasses, ethanol can be extracted from materials such as rice straw, wheat straw, corn cobs, corn stover, bagasse, bamboo and woody biomass, which are second generation ethanol sources or 2G.

While inaugurating the Indian Oil Corporation's (IOC) 2G ethanol plant last week, Mr. Modi referred to not only the prospect of higher farmer income but also dwelt upon the advantages of farmers selling the residual stubble – left behind after rice is harvested – to help make biofuels. This means lesser stubble burning and therefore, lesser air pollution.

How have other countries fared?

Though the U.S., China, Canada and Brazil all have ethanol blending programmes, as a developing country, Brazil stands out. It had legislated that the ethanol content in petrol should be in the 18-27.5% range, and it finally touched the 27% target in 2021.

How does it impact the auto industry?

At the time of the NITI Aayog report in June last year, the industry had committed to the government to make all vehicles E20 material compliant by 2023. This meant that the petrol points, plastics, rubber, steel and other components in vehicles would need to be compliant to hold/store fuel that is 20% ethanol. Without such a change, rusting is an obvious impediment.

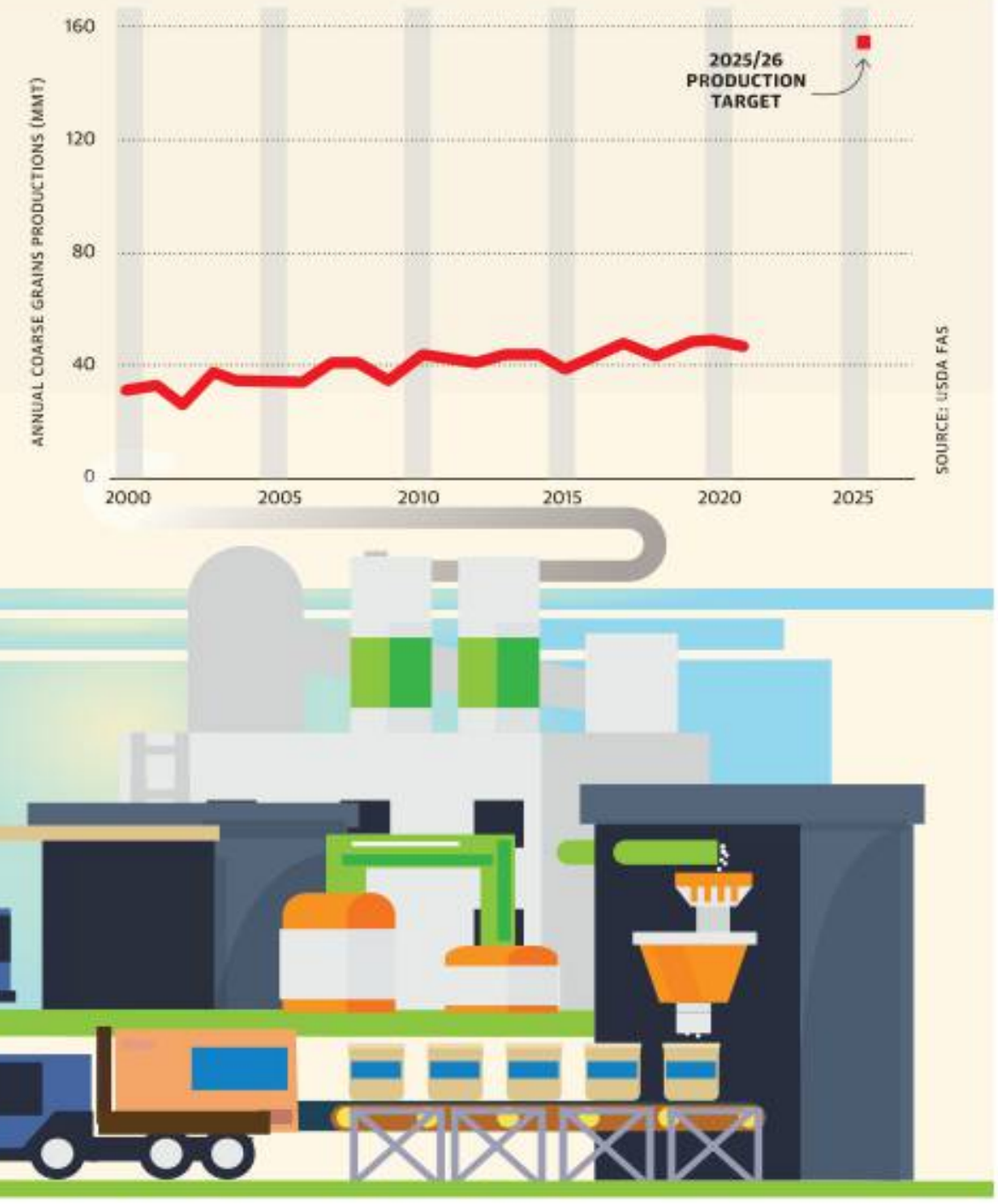
Rajesh Menon, director-general of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers says that the industry has committed to becoming E20 engine compliant by 2025, which means that engines would need to be tweaked so as to process petrol which has been blended with 20% ethanol.

Are there other alternatives?

Sources in the auto industry state that they prefer the use of biofuels as the next step, compared to other options such as electric vehicles (EV), hydrogen power and compressed natural gas. This is mainly because biofuels demand the least incremental investment for manufacturers.

Projections too optimistic?

While the NITI Aayog has advanced the E20 goal to 2025, consistent supply of raw material for ethanol production may prove to be a challenge. A graphic by the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) gives us a visual sense of the steep increase needed in coarse grains output in the coming years to meet the target of ethanol production from this source by 2025-26



Even though the industry is recovering from the economic losses bought on by the pandemic, it is bound to make some change to comply with India's promise for net-zero emissions by 2070.

What are the challenges before the industry when it comes to 20% ethanol blended fuel?

The Niti Aayog report points out that the challenges before the industry are: "optimisation of engine for higher ethanol blends and the conduct of durability studies on engines and field trials before introducing E20 compliant vehicles."

Ethanol blending will help bring down India's share of oil imports (almost 85%) on which the government spends a considerable amount of foreign exchange. Secondly, more ethanol output would help increase farmers' incomes

Sources say that the auto industry is in talks with the government to plan this transition. There are multiple issues at stake for this endeavour. Storage is going to be the main concern, for if E10 supply has to continue in tandem with E20 supply, storage would have to be separate which then raises costs.

What have been the objections against this transition?

Ethanol burns completely emitting nil carbon dioxide. By using the left-over residue from rice harvests to make ethanol, stubble burning will also reduce. The 2G ethanol project inaugurated last week will reduce greenhouse gases equivalent to about three lakh tonnes of CO2 emissions per annum, which is the same as replacing almost 63,000 cars annually on our roads. However, it does not reduce the emission of another key pollutant – nitrous oxide.

The Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) in a report in March talks about the inefficient land use in ethanol production. The report's author Charles Worringham said that we can use land far more efficiently by generating renewable power for EV batteries. For example, to match the annual travel distance of EVs recharged from one hectare generating solar energy, 187 hectares of maize-derived ethanol are required, even when one accounts for the losses from electricity transmission, battery charging and grid storage.

The water needed to grow crops for ethanol is another debating point. An explainer in *The Hindu* in May states that for India, sugarcane is the cheapest source of ethanol. On average, a tonne of sugarcane can produce 100 kg of sugar and 70 litres of ethanol – meaning, a litre of ethanol from sugar requires 2,860 litres of water.

There has been, therefore, a move toward waste-based extraction, such as through coarse grains. But supply may still be a problem, though the Niti Aayog report sounds sanguine on this count – "the roadmap estimates ethanol production from domestic grains will increase a whopping fourfold by 2025." The abnormally wet monsoon seasons may have helped in recent years to raise grain output, but in its August 2021 analysis The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) is sceptical that those production increases can be sustained.

Mr. Worringham states that sugar cane would likely continue to be the primary source for ethanol even with the 12 planned farm waste – or 2G ethanol – distilleries. The first, inaugurated last week, has a capacity to produce 100 kilo litres a day, or 3.65 crore litres a year. The 2021 Ethanol Roadmap forecasts that an additional 800 crore litres of ethanol is needed annually to meet the target. He points out that "assuming the other 11 planned farm waste distilleries have similar rates of production, their combined input would barely produce 5% of the additional annual ethanol requirement."

What about food security concerns?

Mr. Worringham also flags the impact on crop output meant for food and fodder. "There are already indications that more sugarcane is being grown and that the Government of India encouraged more corn production at the India Maize Summit in May, with its use for ethanol production cited as a reason for this push. Sugar and cane production that end up in the petrol tank cannot also appear on the dinner plate, in animal fodder, be stored in warehouses, or be exported. As was evident in India's wheat harvest earlier this year, climate change-induced heatwaves are a worrying factor and can lead to lower-than-expected harvests with little notice," he says.

Global corn, or maize, production is down, and this adds an incentive for India to try and export more. In France, the corn harvest has dipped 19%, and reductions in forecast production have been seen for at least seven other countries in Europe. U.S. production expectations have also been revised slightly downward.

"Given the uncertainty about future production, India may not find it easy to simultaneously strengthen domestic food supply systems, set aside adequate stocks for lean years, maintain an export market for grains, and divert grain to ethanol at the expected rate in coming years, and this is an issue that warrants continued monitoring," he warns.

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'Can't postpone BBMP polls if there are defects in ward delimitation'

Present election process has been initiated based on directions from SC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State Election Commission (SEC) on Tuesday told the High Court of Karnataka that any discrepancies or illegalities in the process of delimitation of 243 wards of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) cannot come in the way of holding elections to the BBMP at present.

The SEC also said that if any illegalities or discrepancies are found in the delimitation of wards, the High Court can issue guidelines to be followed by State government for delimitation of the wards only for the next election as the present election process, initiated based on the directions issued by the Supreme Court, cannot be stalled.

The preparation of voters' list has commenced based on the final notification issued by the government on July 14 on delimitation of wards. • FILE PHOTO

The submissions were made before Justice Hemant Chandangoudar, who is hearing a batch of petitions filed by some political parties, aspirants for BBMP elections, and a few electors. The petitioners questioned the legality of delimitation of the wards on various grounds.

Appearing for the SEC, senior advocate K.N. Phanindra contended that the delimitation of wards had been done strictly as per Section 7(1)(a) and (b) of the BBMP Act, 2020, and no ward boundary is spread across two Assembly constituencies.

Pointing out that it was for the first time that wards had been carved out, as far as possible, within the Assembly constituency, Mr. Phanindra told the court that the government had maintained the average population among wards in each Assembly constituency.

Stating that the process of the preparation of voters' list had commenced based on the final notification issued by the government on July 14 on delimitation of wards, the SEC said that any interference by the High Court at this stage would render the entire exercise carried out, based on the apex court's directions, useless.

On the petitioners' contention against use of 2011 census for delimitation of wards, the SEC said that the government had rightly considered the figures of 2011, which is the last preceding census report. The basis of ascertaining the population is only as mentioned in the census report 2011 and the numbers or figures as found in the voters' list cannot be taken into consideration, the SEC clarified.

Govt. approves ward-wise reservation for BBMP

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government on Tuesday night notified the ward-wise reservation for 243 wards of BBMP.

The Urban Development Department (UDD) notified the final notification after reviewing the objections received from the general public and making suitable recommendations, according to a notification.

The Karnataka government declared ward-wise reservations draft on August 3 for BBMP to facilitate the long-delayed polls. The number of BBMP council seats was increased from 198 to 243 following a recent delimitation exercise of wards on the basis of their population by the State government.

Two new political parties get set to contest civic body polls

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BENGALURU

In the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP's) political space, which is dominated by the three major parties - BJP, Congress, JD (S), along with AAP, now two smaller parties, which consider themselves as a 'political startup,' are getting ready to contest in the upcoming civic body elections.

The Karnataka Rashtra Samiti (KRS) and the Bengaluru Nava Nirmana Party (BNP), which have already started groundwork, will be contesting the elections.

The KRS party, started by anti-corruption crusader Ravi Krishna Reddy in 2019, will go to the people on a promise to form a "corruption-free Bengaluru civic body." Speaking to *The Hindu*, Deepak C.N., State principal secretary of KRS party, said: "The party has been working of the ground from the last couple of years and we have reached out to people of all wards. Many volunteers are joining the party in various parts of the city."

The BBMP head office at Hudson Circle. • FILE PHOTO

The party has already decided on 60 candidates to be fielded in the upcoming polls out of 243 wards in the city. It has already formed an alliance with the Janata Dal (United) and the Welfare Party of India. "The party is readying its manifesto. Our main agenda is corruption-free governance," Mr. Deepak said.

The BNP, started by a diverse set of individuals and considers itself the "world's first city-centric party," will only contest the BBMP elections. "We don't have any ideology and we are only standing for the BBMP elections to focus on rebuilding Bengaluru. We are a unique political party centred only on Bengaluru," Srikanth Narasimhan, general secretary, said. BNP claims that the party is involved in ward-level grassroot governance. Citizen participation and active involvement are its key features. "All political parties indulge in corruption and so far, those in power at BBMP have created bad city governance. We will change it by involving the citizens in the administrative process,"he added.

Mysuru zoo records 50,000 footfall in 3 days

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

For the first time after a gap of nearly two-and-a-half years, the century-old Mysuru zoo, which faced a serious financial crisis with the drastic reduction in footfall over lockdown and COVID-19 curbs, recorded 24,000 visitors on a single day on August 14. This is the highest footfall recorded post-pandemic, and the exuberant zoo management cited continuous holidays as the reason.

The zoo has a record of attracting over 25,000 visitors during pre-COVID-19 years, particularly during Dasara festivities.

Expressing happiness over the record footfall post-COVID-19 crisis, Zoo Executive Director Ajit Kulkarni said the zoo attracted nearly 11,000 visitors on August 13 and 13,000 on August 14. In a span of three days, the zoo attracted nearly 50,000 tourists.

He, however, said complete revival of tourism is yet to happen as 60% of recovery has occurred since the pandemic if the statistics on the footfalls recorded so far since pandemic are analysed.

Mysuru zoo saw 24,000 visitors on a single day on August 14. • FILE PHOTO

"It may take some more time for the tourist sites to get back the footfalls of pre COVID-19 days. But the recovery is happening and the control of COVID-19 is the biggest factor driving tourism," the stakeholders said.

The zoo parking lot was packed to its capacity and the tourists' vehicles had to be parked on the Doddakere Maidan in front of the palace as tourists came in hordes to the city of palaces in view of the long weekend.

Other major tourist sites in Mysuru, mainly the palace, also witnessed heavy rush on all three days.

Lalbagh in a mess after floral extravaganza

As litter-free plan goes for a toss, Horticulture Dept. officials make plans for stricter implementation

MINI TEJASWI
BENGALURU

A day after the Independence Day flower show concluded with record turnout and revenue, Lalbagh Botanical Garden, on Tuesday morning, looked like a garbage dump yard with rubbish strewn all over the lawns, walkways, pathways and lakeside of the 240 acre heritage garden.

On Tuesday morning, walkers at the garden were welcomed by piles of plastic/ paper plates, glasses and cups, empty tins of aerated drinks, plastic water bottles, prohibited polythene bags-, food waste etc. Ironically, the flower show, which made its comeback after two pandemic-hit years, was meant to be be a zero-waste, zero-plastic, and zero-littering event this time.

The flower show at Lalbagh Botanical Garden, which made its comeback after two years, was meant to be be a zero-waste, zero-plastic, and zero-littering event this time. • MINI TEJASWI

"I have been a regular walker in Lalbagh for the last 30 years and garbage is a ritual after every flower show- . But I've not seen so much garbage, so ruthlessly thrown all over, ever before. I looked hard to find a clean patch to walk on but in vain. The authority seems to be letting our prestigious legacy perish," wondered Ganesh V, a Basavanagudi resident.

This year's show saw record crowds; over 3.5 lakh people visited the show on Monday alone, earning a revenue of ₹90 lakh. The Horticulture Department, which had spent ₹2.3 crore, earned ₹3.3 crore in 10 days, the highest collection in the history of the show.

"The department should have given vendors clear instructions on how to manage, pack and deposit their waste responsibly before they left the garden. What an assault on the garden these flower shows are, we are so saddened to see its condition. The garden takes many months to recover after each of these shows," lamented Bhaskar and Vani, a couple who have been walking in Lalbagh for over 30 years now.

Homemaker Sapna Kunj, another walker, said, "It is not a big deal for the Horticulture Department to install cameras and fine each and every visitor who throws rubbish and harms the garden. But sadly, the department itself is not aware they are dealing with a delicate and fragile property like a heritage garden."

M. Jagadish, Joint Director, Horticulture Departmen-t, admitted that the trash generated this time was in high quantities given the record turnout. "For seven days, we had achieved our litter-free goal 100%. But the last three days saw uncontrollable crowd. In fact, on the last day, we ended up allowing over 1.65 lakh people without tickets and checking. We had 1.5 truckload of litter and biowaste - leaf, grass cutting, etc. From next time, we will make plans to employ more people to keep a check, encourage online ticketing, and exercise more control at the entry," he said.

Metro ridership crosses 8.25 lakh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The highest-ever Namma Metro ridership was recorded on Monday as a whopping 8.25 lakh people travelled on a single day.

The 'Freedom March' rally by the Congress at National College Ground, visitors at the flower show, and it being a holiday, contributed to the ridership. BMRCL said that 4.02 lakh people travelled on the Green Line and 2.58 lakh took the Purple Line. Around 1.65 lakh passengers used the Majestic interchange station for commuting.

Chief PRO of BMRCL B.L. Yeshwant Chavan said that Monday's ridership is the highest ever recorded since 2011.

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KEA imparts training to BEOs on document verification

'KEA waiting for HC hearing to announce schedule'

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

Amidst the High Court trial over the CET-2021 repeaters row, the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has started the online document verification process for the CET-2022 rankholders by tallying the RD (Revenue Document) number of caste, income certificate, and Hyderabad Karnataka reservation.

The authority is training all Block Education Officers (BEOs) in conducting the hybrid model of document verification. However, sources said the KEA is waiting for the August 18 hearing in the High Court for the repeaters issue to announce the schedule of the online document verification and CET counselling.

It has, however, commenced the process of online verification of caste, income certificate, and Hyderabad Karnataka reservation by tallying the RD numbers entered by the candidate in the CET-2022 online application. The list of candidates whose RD numbers do not tally will be hosted on the website and KEA is planning to give provision to the candidates to enter the correct RD numbers.

Ramya S, executive director, KEA, said: "The CET-2022 documents online verification process has started and many candidates have wrongly mentioned the numbers of the revenue documents. Shortly, we will release the list of those candidates and they will be given additional time to correct it. We are also training the BEOs for the online educational documents verification. We will release the document verification and CET counselling schedule soon."

This is the first time that the KEA is conducting the CET document verification in the hybrid model. Educational documents like study certificate, Kannada medium and rural quota certificates should be verified by BEOs, which is why the authority is training them in the online model.

The KEA has given the separate login ID and password to all BEOs and it will push the information of CET-2022 rank holders of respective taluks to the respective BEOs. BEO will tally the candidate's original educational documents with the information mentioned by the candidates in the CET online application and then she/he will approve it in case the documents are correct.

Candidates one who have studied in 2 to 3 schools in various taluks should go to the respective taluk BEO and get it verified. Finally, the software will check all 10 years documents in the backend automatically.

In the process of revenue documents verification, the KEA has integrated its server with all 'nadakacheri' offices. The caste, income certificates and other reservation certificates will be verified automatically online on the basis of the RD numbers. The system will verify the RD numbers, student name, father and mother name with income entered by the revenue department.

For special categories like NCC, Sports, Defence and other quota, candidates were have submitted documents to the KEA, which in turn has sent them to the departments concerned for fact checking. The KEA will appoint an officer for the process who will use his digital signature and upload verified documents to the server after the departments send the list of eligible candidates.

In case a problem occurs in the online verification process , the candidates should directly visit the KEA head office and resolve the problem.

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Before The Addl. City Civil & Sessions Court, Mayo Hall, Bangalore (CCH-22)
O.S. No. 25613 of 2021
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. by its Manager : Sri. Pramodh. G, S/o. Gurumallappa. B. ...Plaintiff
VERSUS :
Mr. Sameer Muhammed, Aged about 43 years, S/o. Mr. Kunhammed, Residing at No. Q Block, 1102 Purva Venezia, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore- 560064. ...Defendant
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
Mr. Sameer Muhammed, Aged about 43 years, S/o. Mr. Kunhammed, Residing at No. Q Block, 1102, Purva Venezia, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore- 560064.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs.12,64,794/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Four Only) together with future interest at 17.99% p.a. you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court of the 13th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Court, Mayo Hall (CCH-22) Bangalore, in person or by pleader on the 14th day of September 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 04.08.2022.
By Order of the Hon. Court, Dy. Registrar, City Civil Court Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
SD/- ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, No.60, G-3, Ground Floor M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051.

LEGAL NOTICE

Summons/ Notice for service by advertisement in Newspaper (Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
Before The 4th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Court , Mayo Hall, Bangalore. (CCH-21)
O.S. No. 25528 of 2021
Plaintiff: M/s.ICICI Bank Ltd; Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. by its Manager : Sri.Pramod.G, S/o.Gurumallappa.B.
Defendant : Mr. Nicole Ancyfiona, aged about 32 years S/o. Mr. Arcoksadass Residing at Arokiadass No. 402, 5th Floor, VSS Paradise 1st Cross, Airview Colony, Old Airport Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560 017.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 5,62,221/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty One Only) together with future interest at 13.50% P.A, you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court of the 4th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Court, Mayo Hall, Bangalore. in person or by pleader on the 07th day of September 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 11/08/2022.
By Order of the Hon. Court, Dy. Registrar, City Civil Court Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
SD/- ALTAF HASAN, Advocate for Plaintiff #60, G-3, M.M.Complex, Tasker Town, Chikka Bazaar Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051.

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Summons/ Notice for service by advertisement in Newspaper (Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, AT BANGALORE (CCH-21)
O.S. No. 26565 of 2021
Plaintiff : M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd. Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068, Reptd. by its Debt Collection Manager : Sri. Pramodh.G, S/o. Gurumallappa.B
Defendant : Ms. Fathimabi, D/o. Vazeer Ahamed, Aged about 27 years Residing at No. 17, K.A. Ravi Prasad Reddy Building, G.S. Palya, Konappana Agrahara, Electronic City, Near Christalaya Church, Bangalore- 560 100
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit/ an application against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 4,73,397/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Seven Only) together with future interest at 10.99% p.a. you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 08th day of September 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 20/08/2022.
By Order of the Hon. Court, Dy. Registrar, City Civil Court Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, 60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 051, 9902928290/ 7892117565

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRASHANTH Lakshmikantha R/a Flat S1, Pratham Apartment 3rd cross, Arehalli, Bangalore - 560061 have changed my name to Prashanth Lakshmikanth vide affidavit dt: 16.08.2022 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, B'lore.

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M SRIRAM SAGAR
S/o M Prem Sagar (late) missing since September 11 2020 resides at No:37, Bharathidasan street, Raj bai nagar, Avadi, Ch-71. Face Color: brown, hair color-black, height-5 1/2 feet. If found please contact M Shyamala cell: 9171870373, 9841459968.
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IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. No. 26563/2021
Plaintiff : M/s.ICICI Bank Ltd ; Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. by its Debt Collection Manager : Sri.Pramodh.G, S/o. Gurumallappa.B
Defendant: Mr. M. Chandra Shekar, S/o. Mr. Muralidhar Murthy Aged about 32 years Residing at No. 18T/A, 1st Cross, Near Glass Factory, Kothanur Road, Anjanapura, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 062.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit an application against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs.5,05,422/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Five Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Two Only) together with future interest at 10.99% , you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 14th day of September 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on10.08.2022
By Order of the Hon. Court, Dy. Registrar, City Civil Court Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate No.60, G-3, Ground Floor M.M.Complex, Tasker Town, Chikka Bazaar Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051. 9902928290/7892117565

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shekamma Bhandi alias Shekamma B D/o Bheema Reddy Bhandi Wife of Y C Chandrasheker Reddy, R/o: Talur Road, Ward No 1, Srinager Coloney Near Iron Bridge, Bellary - 583101, changed my name to Thulasi Yennapusala Chinna for all purposes.

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Summons/ Notice for service by advertisement in Newspaper (Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. No. 25373/2021.
Plaintiff : M/s.ICICI Bank Ltd ; Having its Regd. Off, at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. by its Manager : Sri.Pramod. G, S/o. Gurumallappa.B.
Defendant : Mrs. Syeda Saba Shaheen, Aged about 27 years D/o. Mr. Shakeer Ahamed Residing at No. 208, T Channaiah Layout, Nagawara, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560 045.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 4,53,462/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Two Only) together with future interest at 16.99% p.a. you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 14th day of September 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
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By Order of the Hon. Court, Dy. Registrar, City Civil Court Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate for Plaintiff 60, G-3, M.M.Complex, Tasker Town, Chikka Bazaar Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051.

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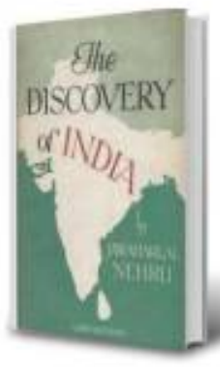
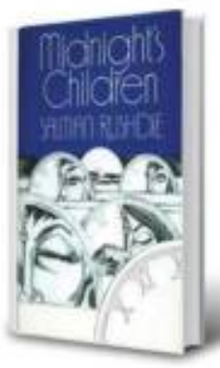
The literary trail of independence

Capturing the essence of Indianness through books

SOMA BASU

The road to independence was an incongruous juxtaposing of sacrifices and aspirations, struggles and autonomy, sufferings and jubilation that characterised the complexities of a long freedom movement. Even as we celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate 75 years of freedom to resonate with the pulse of contemporary India, it is imperative to remember the country's rich history, culture, people and diversity.





Towards freedom

Thankfully, there are no dearth of writers who have documented India's freedom struggle and poignantly captured the essence of Indianness. While highlighting different perspectives, the narratives on the dawn of August 15, 1947, have a powerful and lingering impact and also help to imagine and revisit moments in the long journey of colonisation.

If Jawaharlal Nehru's *Discovery of India* traces the history from the Indus Valley civilisation to the establishment of the British Empire and tracks the rich cultural heritage of the country, *Anandamath* by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, set in the sanyasi rebellion of the late 18th century, offers the synonym of Indian integrity in the form of Vande Mataram.

Freedom at Midnight by Dominique Lapierre and Larry Collins details the last year of the British Raj, with the appointment of Lord Mountbatten as the last viceroy of British India. Filled with interesting stories, it is an evocative piece of historical literature that brings out the reactions of the princely states' to independence, the pain of the Partition and travails of people who were divided into territories on the basis of religion, and the despondency following the death and funeral of Mahatma Gandhi.

Taking stock

Another non-fiction tome, *The Last Mughal: The Fall of A Dynasty, Delhi, 1857* by William Dalrympyle, looks at India's independence movement by going back to when it all began. It highlights the first war against the British, the Sepoy Mutiny in 1857, the aftermath of it and how it revolutionised the march to freedom and the political landscape.

In 2018, Kishwar Desai wrote *Jallianwala Bagh, 1919*, on the scars the massacre left when General Dyer's order turned into a death warrant for peaceful protestors who had gathered against British rule. In 1956, Khushwant Singh wrote *Train to Pakistan*, a fictional account set in a town on the India-Pakistan border. Though the Partition was a political fall-out, Singh talks about several horrific local situations that increased the hostility between the Sikh and the Muslim. He gives a human dimension to the incidents for a sense of reality and believability. Aanchal Malhotra delivers a poignant story about the refugees of Partition through the objects they carried with them across the border in *Remnants of a Separation*. The belongings tell the fascinating stories of their owners and what they experienced during their darkest days.

While highlighting different perspectives, the narratives on the dawn of August 15, 1947, have a powerful impact and also help to imagine and revisit moments in the long journey of colonisation

Salman Rushdie's 1981 novel *Midnight's Children* is a classic post-colonial literature that deals with the transition from British colonialism to independence with the Partition at the core of historical events. He narrates the story of Saleem Sinai, born at that magical midnight moment when India became independent, and is gifted with a special power of telepathy which he uses to connect with other children born in that hour between 12 and 1 am. Their conference is a reflection of India's post-independence issues pertaining to culture, language, religion and politics. Gyanesh Kudaisya in *A Republic in the Making: India in the 1950s* looks at the momentous decade marked by dramatic events and challenges; the uncertain trajectories that gave hope and anxiety to political leaders and the people in those times and how India transformed significantly and anchored itself as a resilient, democratic polity.

A bend in the river

A God In Every Stone by Kamila Shamsie is an unusual story about a young Englishwoman Vivian Rose Spencer, an archaeologist who travels to Peshawar, Pakistan, after a brutal betrayal and Qayyum Gul, a soldier in the British Indian army and his younger brother Najeeb who becomes Vivian's pupil. Through the three characters, the story traverses from the First World War to India's independence bridging the gulf of several decades and connecting the dots of changing history. Describing the socio-political unrest and violence that changed the nation forever, Manohar Malgonkar documents events in *A Bend in the Ganges* that led to the civil disobedience movement in the 1930s and eventually to the Partition riots in Punjab.

The Partition of India by Haimanti Roy puts together contextual histories with a comprehensive account of the causes, experiences and consequences of the Partition. She reflects upon the multiplicity of meanings of 1947 that led to violence, migration and rehabilitation in Bengal and Punjab. Unless we understand those experiences, we cannot understand the challenges faced in South Asia today, is the underlying point.

Even after 75 years, contemporary society grapples with India's history, memories and legacies as much of it remains locked with families and individuals who lived through the trauma of loss of home, life and work, uprooting and survival. When we talk about independence, there are also many books on the heroes of the independence struggle. The recently published, *Her Name Was Freedom*, by Anu Kumar, is about 35 women, many of whom have never met each other, but defended their country against tyranny. Their fight for freedom was not only about ending British rule but also about reforming the old ways and changing it for the better.

THE DAILY QUIZ

A second quiz on Indian heritage and biodiversity as part of celebrating 75 years of independence

1 He is an American-Indian herpetologist and founder of the Madras Snake Park. He used his Whitley Award to found the Agumbe Rainforest Research Station in Karnataka. Who is he? What was his focus of research in the Agumbe Rainforest?

2 Some bird species have gone extinct in recent times. Some of them include *Rhodanessa caryophyllaceae* and *Ophrysia superciliosa*. Name these species. A species of warbler, *Acrocephalus orinus*, known earlier from a single specimen collected in Himachal Pradesh was rediscovered after 139 years. Who collected this single specimen? Where was it rediscovered?

3 On the occasion of the 74th Independence Day, the Indian Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change announced a project to boost the conservation of this species. Name the project and the species. According to Indian mythology and folklore, this deity is associated with this species. Name the deity as well.

4 The Archaeological Survey of India made a momentous discovery in 1896. This was discovered by Alois Anton Führer. What was the discovery? The discovery also confirmed a historical fact. What was it?

5 This UNESCO heritage site has the oldest-known rock art in India. It was declared a world heritage site by UNESCO in 2003. Name the site. The site also contains a fossil of an extinct basal animal that lived during the late Ediacaran period. Name the animal.

◄ This man was an early member of the Asiatic Society. He is primarily known for what feat? • THE HINDU ARCHIVES

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Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This World Heritage site of India is of mixed type. **Ans: The Khangchendzonga National Park. It is a mix of cultural and natural and is located in Sikkim**

2. The day when the first stamp of Independent India was issued. **Ans: November 21, 1947. It shows the Indian Flag with the slogan, Jai Hind on the top right-hand corner**

3. The four types of coin denominations issued in 2004, 2007, 2011 and 2019 by the RBI. **Ans: Unity in diversity Series, Hasta Mudra Series, Series with the Rupee Symbol, Grain Series. The latest commemorative coin series was in 2019 which featured the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre**

4. This is a GI-tagged card game that is often associated with Persia and India. **Ans: Ganjifa cards of Mysore. The first GI-tagged product from India was Darjeeling tea.**

5. This is a serpentine dragon god associated with Manipur. **Ans: Pakhangba from Meitei mythology**

Visual: Identify this flower. **Ans: Rafflesia, Sundaland**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"Sir, is it correct to say 'I'll fix some lunch for you?"

"'Fix in the sense of 'make or prepare food or drink' is American.

I'll fix a drink for you.

Don't go away. My wife is fixing lunch for us."

"What's the meaning of 'I must have my typewriter fixed', sir?"

"It means 'I must have the type-writer repaired', 'fix' here is used in the sense of 'repair'.

Can you fix my electric shaver?

Can you fix the door?

I'll fix your sewing machine.

'Fix' has several meanings. You must use it with care. Otherwise you will be in a fix."

"What is the meaning of 'He buttonholed me on my way to my office', sir?"

"It means 'He stopped me and forced me to listen to him'. A button-hole is a hole for a button. It was perhaps a custom in the past to hold a person by the button or button-hole while conversing with him. Even now some people do it. When you are in a hurry, you hate to be buttonholed. Don't think people won't buttonhole you if you are without buttons!"

"What's the meaning of 'on the sly', sir?"

" 'On the sly' means 'in secret'. It is used when something is done unlawfully or dishonestly.

He says he has given up drinking. But I know he drinks on the sly.

He is not straightforward. He does things on the sly."

"What's the difference between 'foolish' and 'ignorant', sir?"

"An ignorant person is lacking in knowledge. We are ignorant when we do not know.

I am ignorant of Greek.

A foolish man is one who is lacking in judgment or a sense of proportion.

It was foolish of him to criticise his boss in public.

It was foolish of him to offer himself as a candidate.

It would be foolish to buy such an expensive car.

An ignorant man need not be foolish and a foolish man need not be ignorant."

"What's the difference between 'examine' and 'discuss', sir?"

"When you examine something you analyse it closely and in detail in order to arrive at a balanced judgement. The word 'examine' comes from Latin 'examen' which means 'a balance'. You try to weigh the object of examination in a balance. 'Discuss' is from Latin 'discussus' which means 'to shake apart'. You discuss something when you talk about it in great detail with others. Discussion is verbal. Examination can be through discussion also. You can examine by reading, discussion, observation and reflection. We need not discuss the word 'examination' any further. Let's stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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RISE 06:08	SET 18:39
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Bengaluru	28	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant.Chances of light rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light ain and thundershower to occur.

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Plea against BU land allotment to other institutes dismissed

Petitioner had questioned the allotment of 18 acres of land

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

FROM THE COURT

The High Court of Karnataka has dismissed a PIL petition, which had questioned the allotment of 18 acres of land in the sprawling 1,112 acres belonging to the Bangalore University to various educational institutes associated with the Central government.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order rejecting the petition filed by K.B. Vijayakumar, a city-based advocate.

"The permissions granted by the State government do not suffer from any infirmity," the Bench said, while pointing out that the petitioner had failed to make out a case of either a violation of statutory right or any fundamental right in the pleadings.

The petitioner had questioned leasing of 15 acres of land to the Inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences (IUCYS), two acres to the regional centre of the Centre of Council for Architecture and Development, and one acre to the Central Board for Secondary Education to set up its regional office.

"The allotment of the land on lease has not been made for any commercial purpose. The Bangalore University conducts courses in yogi sciences and therefore, the land has been leased out to IUCYS, which supplements the interest of the university. Similarly, setting up of regional centre of Council for Architecture will help the research activities of architecture department of Bangalore University," the Bench said, while noting that out of a total area of 1,112 acres, 18 acres had been allotted on lease subject to conditions.

The Bench also said that the permissions to lease out land were granted to the BU in consonance with the provisions of the Karnataka State Universities Act, 2000.

PSI scam: Amrit Paul's bail plea rejected again

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The 52nd City Civil and Session Court on Tuesday dismissed the bail plea filed by former ADGP (Recruitment), Amrit Paul, who is accused in the PSI recruitment scam.

Special Public Prosecutor P. Prasanna Kumar submitted that the investigations into the accused's role was yet to be completed. Crucial evidence like verification of CCTV camera is still on, and granting bail at this juncture would hamper the investigation, he said.

THE HINDU
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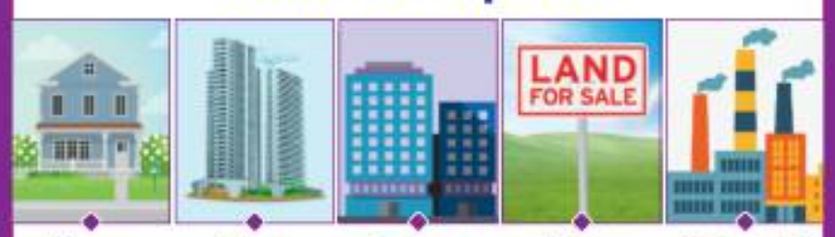

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DETAILS OF BENEFITS SCHEMES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23, FOR CHICKPET ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY NO. 169
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Now, youth attacked in Bhadravathi

Police arrest main accused in Shivamogga stabbing case after opening fire at him

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

Shivamogga continues to reel under tension as another incident of attack on a youth took place in Bhadravathi, which is about 20 km away from the city, on Tuesday within hours of police heaving a sigh of relief by arresting the main accused in Monday's stabbing case by opening fire at him.

A man was attacked around 9.30 a.m. in Bhadravathi town on Tuesday. Sunil, 28, a resident of Nehru Nagar in Bhadravathi, was hit on his head and face. The victim identified the attacker as Mubarak, 26. The police swung into action and arrested the accused later in the day.

Two groups had engaged in a heated argument over displaying the portraits of Tipu and V.D. Savarkar at Ameer Ahmed Circle in Shivamogga during the Independence Day celebrations on Monday. The police had resorted to lathicharge to disperse the mob. However, a person who was working in a shop was stabbed later while another suffered injuries in stone pelting.

The police swung into action and arrested those involved in the stabbing case. By late night on Monday, the police arrested Nadim and Abdul Rahman. Early morning on Tuesday, the police shot at Mohammed Jabi, another accused in the case, and arrested him. Jabi allegedly attempted to escape by stabbing a policeman, forcing the police to open fire. Jabi suffered a bullet injury on his right leg. Another accused Tanveer Ahmed, 22, of RML Nagar, has also been arrested in connection with the case. But there was no reprieve as another person was also attacked in Bhadravathi which is part of the district.

Rapid Action Force personnel conducting a route march amid communal tension in Shivamogga, on Tuesday. • PTI

Pillion rider rule

Meanwhile, life remains badly hit in Shivamogga as prohibitory orders are in force. Business establishments and shopping malls in Shivamogga city centre were closed. A holiday was declared for schools and colleges for the day. There were only a few vehicles on the road. The prohibitory order issued by Shivamogga tahsildar imposed restrictions on pillion riders on two-wheelers as a precautionary measure. Men below 40 years are not allowed to ride pillion. The rule does not apply for women and those above 40. Liquor shops were also closed on the day.

Heavy deployment of police personnel, including a Rapid Action Force (RAF) battalion, has been made. The forces took out a route march in the troubled area under the supervision of senior police officers including ADGP (Law and Order) Alok Kumar and IGP K. Thiyagarajan. There were no fresh incidents of violence in Shivamogga city on Tuesday.

Schools and colleges in Shivamogga city and Bhadravathi town will function on Wednesday, said Shivamogga DC R. Selvamani. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, who hails from the district, held a meeting with officers in the city. Speaking to the media, he said the police would take all steps to ensure law and order. Additional forces had been called from other districts and there was no reason to feel insecure. The police would take action against those involved and also those who instigated such incidents, he said.

Ganesha festival

The district administration is worried if the recent clashes would impact the Ganesha festival that will be celebrated later this month. Shivamogga is known for the grand procession of the idol being installed by Shivamogga Hindu Masabha Ganapati Samiti. Alok Kumar, ADGP, met the representatives of the committee and discussed the security arrangements for the event.

Speaking to mediapersons, the officer said the police would extend support for the smooth conduct of the festival. The public should also cooperate, he added. He said senior police officers who had earlier worked in Shivamogga had been called to the city.

'2% sports quota in jobs in all departments'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday said the Karnataka government will extend a 2% reservation for sportspersons in jobs in all departments.

Till now, only the Police and Forest Departments had been providing 2% quota for sportspersons in job recruitments.

Mr. Bommai was speaking at a function organised by the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports to felicitate medal winners at the Commonwealth Games held recently in Birmingham as well as 75 sportspersons selected under the 'Amrit Krida Dattu Yojane'.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Sports Minister Narayana Gowda with CWG 2022 medallists cricketer Rajeshwari Gayakwad (right) and weightlifter Gururaja Poojary (left), at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

He said a file related to the extension of sports quota to 2% in government jobs will be cleared soon. To encourage sportspersons and provide them security, the government would extend this quota in jobs in all departments, he said.

Rural sporting events

For identifying sports talent among the youth, the Chief Minister said rural sporting events would commence in two months. The government would always give priority to sports and sportspersons, he added.

Mr. Bommai further appealed to all sportspersons to play their games for the country and win medals.

"Don't play sports for secure jobs," the Chief Minister advised.

Chief Minister condoles death of freedom fighter

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai condoled the death of Thammannapa Budni, a freedom fighter of Bagalkot, on Tuesday.

In a condolence message, the Chief Minister said Mr. Budni was a supreme patriot and a true Gandhian. He was also a close follower of Acharya Vinobha Bhave.

Shivamogga incidents trigger political slugfest

KARNATAKA BUREAU
BENGALURU/SHIVAMOGGA

The communal tension in Shivamogga triggered a political spar between the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress. Both the parties blamed each other for the communal tension in Shivamogga.

The verbal duel began with former Minister and veteran BJP leader K.S. Eshwarappa alleging that the husband of a Congress corporator in Shivamooga who was associated with the SDPI was mainly responsible for the stabbing incident. He urged the Congress to tender a public apology and also initiate action against such anti-social elements.

Reacting sharply to this, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah accused the BJP of creating communal tension in Shivamogga. He termed Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai a "puppet in the hands of the RSS". He said, "They (BJP workers) tried to put Savarkar's photo in a Muslim area. Let them put up whatever photo they want, we have no problem. But, why do that in a Muslim area? And, why did they say no to putting up Tipu Sultan's photo?" He dared the BJP to ban the SDPI and PFI. "If you have evidence that they are causing communal disturbance, ban them. You are in power," he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah's comments that Savarkar's photo was intentionally kept in a Muslim-dominated area evoked an angry response from Home Minister Araga Jnaendra, who hails from Shivamooga district. "What's wrong in placing Savarkar's photo in this country? Is that place not in India? Such statements by Siddaramaiah, who has the experience of ruling the State, amount to provocation," he said.

The Minister felt that those opposing the display of Savarkar's photo did not know about him. "Savarkar underwent the cruel *Kaalapani* punishment in Andaman's Cellular Jail because of his fight for country's freedom. We cannot accept the mentality of people, who oppose display of Savarkar's portrait. We will take tough action on those who provoke violence by making objectionable comments", he said.

Complaint filed against Bommai with Governor

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Taking objection to the statement of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai that he bows before the RSS for its thought, a social activist has knocked on the doors of Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, asking for the resignation of the CM.

In a complaint filed against Mr. Bommai on Tuesday, social activist N. Hanume Gowda referred to the CM's statement at Amrutha Bharathi-Karunada Jathre, a BJP organised programme at Kanteerava Stadium on Monday where he said, "Some people say I have become slave of RSS. But I bow to the RSS thoughts."

Mr. Gowda said that such statement of the CM is an insult to the constitution and violates the oath that he took. "RSS is not a registered body. Though it does financial transactions to a tune of several crores, it does not submit audit reports to the government. RSS is anti-constitutional and in involved in communal activities." The complaint said that Mr. Bommai has been irresponsible by making the statement and represents of slavery of crores of people whom he represents.

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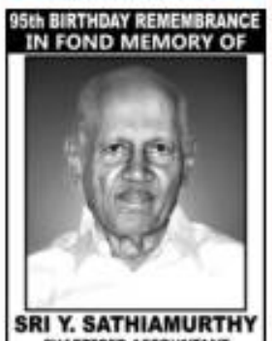

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(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri

No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-2/Tender/2022-23 Dated: 10.08.2022

Postponment For Tender
Tender ref no: 13/2022-23

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the works in the above tender ref, The tendere for the works of SL. no 05,11,13,18 and 23 will be postponed due to some technical reasons, Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before **26.08.2022** up to 4.00 pm. (Approx. amount for the work is Rs.100.00 Lakhs) The Technical bids will be opened on **29.08.2022** (after 4.15 PM,) and Financial bid will be opened on **02.09.2022**. Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

DIPR/TUM/416/MCA/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Madhugiri

RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, CHIKMAGALUR.

Tender Notice No: 3, 4, 5 3rd Call, 6 2nd Call Date: 11.08.2022

Notice Inviting Tender

Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagaluru, invites Tender through e-procurement for works related to Chikkamagaluru, Mudigere, N.R. Pura, Koppa, Shringeri Taluks of Chikkamagaluru District. Minimum Amount for work: Rs. 10.49 lakhs and Maximum Amount Rs. 130.72 lakhs, Total 60 works (including package). Details of undertaking the work or capability of implementing as per Standard Tender Document KW-1,2 & 4 should be attached. Contract can be awarded only if the Contractors have the minimum eligibility as mentioned in Annexure 1. Tenders for works can be submitted through e-procurement from 11.08.2022 to 20.08.2022 up to 5.30 PM. Tender will be opened on 22.08.2022 at 5.31 PM. If this day is declared as a holiday by chance, the next day will be considered. Notice can be read on www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Further details can be obtained by contacting the case worker during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.116/mca/22-23/764

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners: **Smt.Sandhya Rani.R W/o late Ramesh.B.S and her children Sri.Bhuvanesh.B.R & Sri.Venkatesh Ramesh,** residing at: No.415/14, 4th Cross, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

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ಸಹಿ/-ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ.

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/99/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

IN BRIEF

Jagan inaugurates Phase-I of ATC Tires unit

VISAKHAPATNAM

While inaugurating the Phase-I of ATC Tires AP Private Limited in Anakapalli district on Tuesday, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy said the State government had passed a legislation making it mandatory for the investors setting up industries in the State to provide 75% employment to the local people.

Two held for murder of CPI(M) worker in Kerala

PALAKKAD

The Palakkad police on Tuesday arrested two persons — Naveen and Sidharth — in connection with the murder of Communist Party of India (Marxist) Marutharoad local committee member Shajahan. Shajahan was hacked to death by a gang of men at Malampuzha in Kerala on Sunday night. While Naveen was picked up from Pattambi, Sidharth was arrested from Pollachi. The police said they were investigating the political background of the accused.

Special entry tickets for October to be released

TIRUMALA

The TTD will release the online quota of Special Entry Darshan tickets of ₹300 for October on Thursday. However, tickets pertaining to dates that coincide with annual Brahmotsavams in October have been blocked in anticipation of a heavy turnout of devotees. The TTD resolved to implement only sarva darshanam during the nine-day festival period. Brahmotsavams will start with Dwajarohanam on September 27 and end with Chakrasnanam on October 5.

Karnataka HC gets five additional judges

They were elevated from the cadre of district judges; Governor administers oath to them

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Tuesday administered the oath of office to five newly appointed additional judges of the High Court of Karnataka on their elevation from the cadre of district judges.

The newly appointed judges are Justices Anil B. Katti, G. Basavaraja, C.M. Joshi, Umesh M. Adiga, and T.G. Shivashankare Gowda.

Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka Justice Alok Aradhe with newly appointed additional judges Anil B. Katti, T.G. Shivashankare Gowda, Umesh M. Adiga, G. Basavaraja, and C.M. Joshi in Bengaluru on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Born on April 17, 1962, at Dharwad, Mr. Justice Katti secured his degree in law from R.L Law College, Belgaum. He was selected to the post of Musiff in 1995 and was promoted as a district judge in 2009.

Mr. Justice Basavaraja, born on May 3, 1965, hails from Hiriyuru in Chitradurga district. After securing a degree in law he started a practice in law at sessions court in Chitradurga till he was appointed as a Musiff in 1993. He was promoted as a district judge in 2009. He had also served as a member-secretary of Karnataka State Legal Services Authority.

Born on January 24, 1964, Mr. Justice Joshi hails from Hubballi and had secured his LLB from Sakri Law College, Hubballi. He was appointed as civil judge (junior division) in 1995 and was promoted as district judge in 2009. He had served as Registrar (Computers), High Court and was instrumental in various e-Courts projects in the State.

Mr. Justice Adiga, born on January 9, 1964, hails from Gadag and joined the judicial service as a civil judge (junior division) in 1995. He was promoted to the post of district judge in 2009. He had also served as Registrar (Vigilance) of the High Court.

Born on February 1, 1963, Mr. Justice Gowda hails from Talakad in Mysuru district and had secured his LLB and MSc (Mathematics) from the University of Mysore. He was appointed as a civil judge in 1995 and promoted to the post of district judge in 2009. He was heading the High Court's computer section for several years. He was serving as the Registrar General of the High Court prior to elevation.

Bommai seeks to downplay Madhuswamy episode

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday tried to downplay the episode of an audio clip of Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy purportedly saying that the government is not functioning, going viral. Defending the Minister, he said, "there is no need for any misunderstanding" about his comments.

Mr. Madhuswamy has come under sharp criticism from his Cabinet colleagues, who have urged him to resign following his remarks about the functioning of the government.

In response to a question, the CM said, "I have spoken to the Minister and there is no need for any misunderstanding. Everything is fine in the government and there is no problem."

Mr. Bommai said the Minister had made the statement three months back while specifically referring to a particular subject in the Cooperation Department. The Chief Minister said he would talk to other Ministers who were upset about Mr. Madhuswamy's remarks.

While speaking to a person over the phone, Mr. Madhuswamy had said, "The government is not functioning; we are just managing, pulling through for the next 7-8 months". The audio clip went viral on social media, putting the government in an embarrassing situation.

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, KPCC campaign committee chairman M.B. Patil and Krishna Byre Gowda, MLA, too reacted and said Mr. Madhuswamy spoke the truth about the functioning of the government.

'He spoke reality'

Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "Mr. Madhuswamy spoke reality about the functioning of the BJP government without knowing his comments will go viral."

Mr. Patil said, "The CM is unaware of what his Ministers are doing. This is a directionless government. Mr. Madhuswamy himself admitted failure in maintaining the law and order". Mr. Gowda tweeted: "If the Minister speaks the truth, then he should resign. Instead of taking the State forward, the Ministers are indulging in infighting."

Telangana govt. gives relief to deceased farmer's kin in Mysuru

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The family of farmer Vimal Kumar from T. Narsipur, who died of heart attack in Hyderabad while on a study tour to Telangana with farmers from Mysuru and other districts of Karnataka, was handed over a relief cheque of Rs 10 lakh under Raitha Bandhu, a scheme launched by the Telangana government.

Telangana Raitha Bandhu president Pallam Rajeshwara Reddy on Tuesday gave away the cheque to the mother of the 40-year-old farmer, Tangamani, at a programme here on Tuesday. It was organised by the State Sugarcane Growers' Association president Kurubur Shanthakumar.

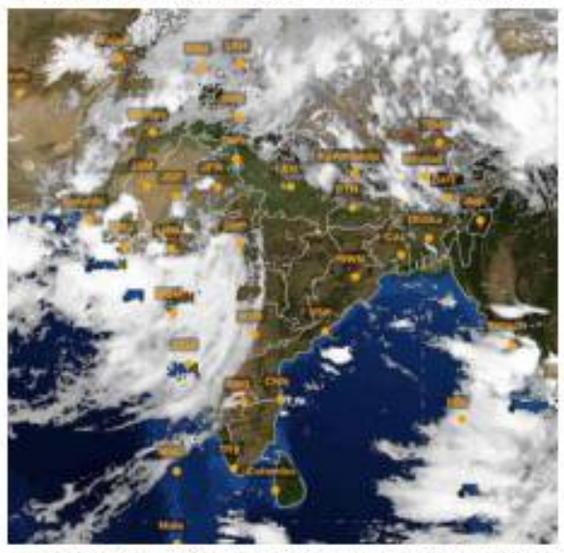
The association had also organised a seminar on 'The journey and life of farmers' on the occasion of 75 years of Independence.

Mr. Shanthakumar said a delegation of farmers' organisations was on the study tour of Telangana to learn about the irrigation projects implemented by the Telangana government, on February 14 and 15.

"Unfortunately, Vimal Kumar from T. Narsipur, who was in our team, died of a heart attack. The Telangana government promised to help the family of the farmer. In this regard, Mr. Pallam Rajeshwar Reddy came to Mysuru and gave away the cheque for Rs 10 lakh to the mother of Vimal Kumar. The deceased farmer's father also died recently," Mr. Shanthakumar said.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Saurashtra & Kutch, central Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over west Rajasthan, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	2	35.3	26.4	Kozhikode	–	31.8	24.4
Ahmedabad	22	29.0	25.4	Kurnool	0.4	35.5	24.2
Aizawl	–	27.1	20.4	Lucknow	4	33.6	25.6
Allahabad	–	34.3	26.5	Madurai	–	36.4	26.2
Bengaluru	–	30.0	20.5	Mangaluru	1	29.8	23.2
Bhopal	123.7	26.0	22.5	Mumbai	8	27.2	25.2
Bhubaneswar	–	34.2	25.8	Mysuru	–	33.1	20.4
Chandigarh	–	35.9	27.3	New Delhi	–	33.1	27.0
Chennai	–	36.1	27.2	Patna	0.5	34.0	26.8
Coimbatore	–	34.6	23.1	Port Blair	33	30.1	24.2
Dehradun	0.3	33.7	22.8	Puducherry	–	34.1	26.6
Gangtok	–	24.2	17.9	Pune	9.1	26.5	20.7
Goa	14	30.8	24.4	Raipur	11	32.4	23.7
Guwahati	–	35.1	25.2	Ranchi	7	30.0	21.5
Hubballi	–	28.0	21.0	Shillong	–	25.0	18.0
Hyderabad	0.4	32.0	22.0	Shimla	10	24.8	17.3
Imphal	–	30.8	21.9	Srinagar	0.8	28.5	19.6
Jaipur	9	26.7	24.4	Thiruvananthapuram	–	33.4	24.6
Kochi	–	30.4	25.2	Tiruchi	–	38.1	29.8
Kohima	–	25.2	17.3	Vijayawada	5	34.2	24.2
Kolkata	2	35.1	26.8	Visakhapatnam	–	32.2	27.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	55	18	.53	41	59	
Bengaluru	20	30	130	–	42	
Chennai	39	26	.36	39	80	
Delhi	10	32	.32	56	86	
Hyderabad	33	16	.90	25	56	
Kolkata	9	13	.22	40	68	
Lucknow	7	38	.30	48	69	
Mumbai	27	–	.52	21	498	
Pune	–	–	.87	–	–	
Visakhapatnam	14	40	.22	42	97	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Nandesari, Gujarat recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 146 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Satna, Madhya Predesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications.	13-08-2022	Up to	16.00 Hrs
2	Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders.	18-08-2022	Up to	16.00 Hrs
3	Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid.	19-08-2022	At	16.15Hrs
4	Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid.	20-08-2022	At	16.00Hrs

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NOTIFICATION

On 14.07.2022 Notification was issued regarding 16.08.2022 being the last date for submission of the applications for Chairperson / Members for Child Welfare Committee and Social Worker Members for Juvenile Justice Board has been extended upto 01.09.2022

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NOTIFICATION

No: KMIO/Staff/4a/61/20 Date : 16.08.2022

Shri. M. Ravi Kumar Lab Attender, PCC, KALBURGI, you have been informed through registered post regarding the enquiry under Karnataka Civil services (CCA) rules 1957 on 16-08-2022. you have failed to attend the enquiry. you will be given second opportunity to attend the enquiry on 25-08-2022 at 11.00 a.m. in the seminar hall of the Institute (next to Director's office). In the event of your failure to attend the hearing, enquiry will be conducted exparte and final decision will taken.

No: KMIO/Staff/3/92/2021-22 Date : 16.08.2022

Shri. S. LOKARAJU, Junior Medical Laboratory Technician, PCC, KALBURGI, you have been informed through telephone and by registered post regarding the enquiry under Karnataka Civil services (CCA) rules 1957 on 16-08-2022. you have failed to attend the enquiry . you will be given second opportunity to attend the enquiry on 25-08-2022 at 11.00 a.m. in the seminar hall of the institute (next to Director's office). In the event of your failure to attend the hearing, enquiry will be conducted exparte and final decision will taken

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Remission without reform

Premature release of prisoners must be done with discretion and wisdom

The release of 11 convicts sentenced to life for the heinous murder of seven people and the gang-rape of three women during the Gujarat communal pogrom of 2002 is a questionable decision by the State. On the face of it, it also appears to be illegal, as their terms seem to have been remitted without the required consultation with the Union government. It defies logic that those convicted for direct involvement in the rape of three women, the murder of a three-year-old and six others can be considered candidates for premature release under any remission policy. One of the convicts had obtained an order from the Supreme Court in May, under which Gujarat, the State in which the crime occurred, was held to be the appropriate government to consider his premature release. The Court had asked the State to decide the application under its 1992 remission policy, as it was the relevant one on the date of conviction in 2008. However, it is difficult to treat this as a waiver of the requirement under Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which makes consultation with the Centre mandatory. Further, a Constitution Bench, in 2015, held that 'consultation' meant 'concurrence' in this provision. The remission also runs contrary to the spirit of contemporary thinking on treating crimes against women and children, especially rape combined with murder, as so heinous that the perpetrators should not be considered for remission. It is not clear if the committee that recommended remission had considered the disquieting effect the release of these prisoners might have on the survivors and other members of the affected community.

A life sentence normally means that a convict has to spend the natural life in prison. The Cr.P.C. does permit premature release in the form of remission or commutation, but it should be based on a legal and constitutional scheme, and not on a ruler's whimsy. The power of remission has been conferred on the Union and State governments – apart from the sovereign power of clemency enjoyed by the President and Governors – so that it can be used to temper the law's rigours with an element of grace. While the benefit of remission ought not to be denied to anyone without a ray of hope that they will be free one day, it is a power to be exercised with discretion and wisdom. Further, any decision on remission should be linked to the convict's expression of regret and some promise of reform. It would be unjustified if given for political considerations merely because of elapse of the minimum number of years they have to serve. With an Assembly election due in Gujarat at the end of the year, it is difficult not to read political significance into this decision. The sight of the released convicts being greeted and feted on their release will not sit easy on the country's conscience.

Taking responsibility

Iran might not be directly involved in the attack on Rushdie, but it must revoke *fatwa*

The Iranian Foreign Ministry's comment, that only "Salman Rushdie and his supporters" were to be blamed for the gruesome knife attack on the author in New York State last week, is yet another reiteration of the clerical establishment's well-known regressive position on the Rushdie affair. The 1989 *fatwa* against Rushdie, issued by Iran's then Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khomeini, because he believed the author's *The Satanic Verses* was blasphemous, has already wreaked enough havoc across the world. It was a rare instance of a leader of a country issuing an extra-territorial death sentence against an author who was living in another country by invoking his pan-Islamist beliefs and clerical authority. Dozens were killed in riots. The book's translators and publishers were attacked. It drove Rushdie underground for years. Thirty-three years later, Rushdie was attacked by a 24-year-old American citizen of Lebanese descent, whose social media accounts are reportedly filled with pro-Khomeini and pro-Iran content. Iran has denied any role. It is astonishing that Iran could not even issue a statement condemning the attack and the attacker. Worse, pro-state media in Iran applauded "the courageous and duty-conscious man who attacked the apostate and depraved Salman Rushdie in New York".

In the past, Iran's government had stayed away from Khomeini's *fatwa*. In 1998, Kamal Kharrazi, Foreign Minister in the government of reformist President Mohammad Khatami, announced in New York that Iran would not attempt to kill Rushdie. As it was generally interpreted as an informal revocation of the *fatwa*, the U.K. normalised ties with the Islamic Republic. But hardliners tightened their grip on Iran's institutions once Khatami's two terms came to an end in 2005. In the same year, Ayatollah Khamenei repeated Khomeini's position – that Rushdie was "an apostate whose killing would be authorised by Islam". In 2019, the Ayatollah's Twitter account was briefly suspended after he said the *fatwa* was "solid and irrevocable", The edict clearly made matters worse for Rushdie, but it did not stop him from writing. He wrote some of his finest fiction and essays during this period, disproving, as Christopher Hitchens put it, "Orwell's fine but fallacious dictum that 'the imagination, like certain wild animals, will not breed in captivity'". Rushdie continued to live under the Ayatollah's sword, but remained a champion of the freedoms he believed in, something which those who bayed for his blood never managed to reconcile with. Iran may not have a direct role in the attack. But as the *fatwa* issued by the leader of its revolution has hunted down this harmless man of words for over three decades, Iran has the moral responsibility, at least now when he is recovering from serious wounds, to revoke the *fatwa* and unequivocally condemn the attack.

Stepping back from an ecological abyss

There is a need to balance India's developmental needs with the sustenance of its ecological foundations

ASHISH KOTHARI

Chipko. Silent Valley. Narmada. Koel-Karo. Growing up in the 1970s and the early 1980s, many of us who were passionate about environmental issues were inspired by these and other movements. As the government too responded with a series of forest, wildlife, environment-related laws and policies, there was hope that India would be able to balance its development needs with the sustenance of its ecological foundations. As India celebrates 75 years of Independence, has that hope been sustained?

An earth under stress

The prospects today seem far gloomier than they did in the 1980s. Four hundred and eighty million Indians face the world's most extreme air pollution levels. According to NITI Aayog, "600 million people in India face high to extreme water stress... with nearly 70% of water being contaminated; India is placed at 120th amongst 122 countries in the water quality index". Land degradation and desertification are taking place over 30% of our land, according to the Indian Space Research Organisation. Average levels of land productivity are one-fourth or one-fifth of what they could be; pumping in artificial fertilizers restores a bit, but at the cost of pushing the soil further towards death. Food items in most cities have pesticide residues well above human safety levels. The World Bank – itself partly responsible for pushing India into unsustainable pathways – reported in 2013 that India was losing 5.7% of GDP due to environmental damage. The latest global environmental ranking by Yale and Columbia Universities puts India at the bottom among 180 countries; while flawed in many respects, including how it lets rich countries off the hook, it is nevertheless reflective of what is happening on the ground.

Favouring corporate access

All this evidence has still not penetrated the minds of politicians and economists setting development priorities. The obsession with economic growth – despite growing evidence of GDP being a very poor indicator of human well-being – treats the natural environment (and related livelihoods) as fodder for exploitation. Despite public posturing about the Sustainable Development Goals, the natural elements without which we would all be dead – land, water, biodiversity, air – continue to be ignored or mauled.

In fact, the Government is dismantling environmental and social security policies to favour corporate access to land and natural resources, such as the latest proposals to amend forest and environment laws, and the Environment Impact Assessment notification. Its priority programmes include building massive physical infrastructure that only disrupts the natural infrastructure we desperately need to protect. For instance, the 2022-23 Budget has an allocation for highways that alone is 40 times greater than the Budget of the Ministry for Environment, Forests and Climate Change. Of what use is faster and faster mobility, if at the end of the journey we still have air and water and food that are killing us?

Given the hopeful signs of the 1970s and the 1980s, how did we come to this pass? In our book *Churning the Earth*, Aseem Shrivastava and I analysed in detail a significant turning point – the economic 'reforms' beginning in 1991. With greater integration into the global economy, the entry of multinational (and big Indian) corporations into every sector, and increasing exports of natural

S. RAMESH BISHUP

materials and imports of toxic waste, the issue of environmental sustainability was relegated to the background. Mining projects crept into previously safe areas including wildlife protected areas and Adivasi territories, the oceans became a target for major commercial extraction (and will be even more so with the new Deep Ocean Mission), and big infrastructure became a holy mantra.

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While wildlife and biodiversity have been major sufferers, there are also severe socio-cultural costs. Over 60 million people have been physically displaced by 'development' projects in the last few decades with very poor (if any) rehabilitation, and according to the former Planning Commission, a disproportionately high percentage of these are Adivasis and Dalits. Ironically, a component of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) is new coal mining in central India, displacing already self-reliant Adivasi communities and rendering them dependent on government and corporations.

Extreme events

The climate crisis severely compounds all this. This year's superhot summer should be a warning, even if we have not yet learnt from earlier events of extreme temperatures, erratic rainfall, cloudbursts and cyclones. In recent trips to Ladakh, I learnt that many villages (e.g. in Zanskar) are being abandoned due to water shortages caused by receding glaciers. A *Lancet Planetary Health* journal article says that extreme temperatures in India are responsible for 7,40,000 excess deaths annually. The majority of these are likely to be labourers, farmers, and other vulnerable sections who have to work, live, and commute in these temperatures without access to air-conditioning, appropriate clothing, etc. And we are not at all prepared, with abysmally low budgets for adaptation measures. The Climate Action Plan got a meagre ₹30 crore in the 2022-23 Budget.

Enabling sustainability

So, India's biggest challenge: can ecological sustainability be ensured while generating livelihood security and dignity for more than a billion people? Answers do exist, in thousands of initiatives across the country, as documented in the Vikalp Sangam process. Five thousand Dalit women farmers of the Deccan Development Society have demonstrated how organic, rainfed farming with traditional seed diversity can provide full food security and sovereignty.

Several hundred handloom weavers in Kachchh (Gujarat) have shown how dignified, creative livelihoods can be revived based on organic Kala cotton and a mix of traditional and new skills. Indeed, India's crafts have sustained several hundred million people in the past, and can do so again if the incredible traditional and new skills in textiles, footwear, cleaning agents, vessels, pottery, furniture, architecture and construction, water-related technologies, and a range of household items are given priority. Community-led ecotourism, such as homestays in Uttarakhand and Ladakh and Sikkim, has combined increased earnings with ecologically sensitive visitation. Community conserved areas have shown a democratic approach to wildlife protection very different from the top-down 'protected area' model. As advocated by the United Nations Environment Programme, public transportation, organic farming, land and water regeneration, renewable energy, community health, eco-friendly construction, ecotourism, and small-scale manufacturing can significantly enhance job creation. Linking programmes such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act with such activities, as happening in some States, also has huge potential.

Needed, a mobilisation

Such an orientation entails fundamental restructuring of economy and governance. It will mean a shift away from large infrastructure and industrialisation, replacing mega-corporations with producer cooperatives, ensuring community rights over the 'commons' (land, water, forest, coasts, knowledge), and direct decision-making powers to *gram sabhas* and urban area *sabhas* while tackling gender and caste inequities. It will entail respect for both human rights and the rights of nature. But since this will inevitably (and desirably) cut into the profits and consumerism of India's ultra-rich, and reduce the centralised power of the state, it will not happen through government action alone. It needs the collective mobilisation of industrial workers, farmers, fishers, craftspersons, pastoralists, urban and rural youth, women in all sectors, the 'disabled' and LGBTQ, and those speaking on behalf of wildlife, all of whom are marginalised by dominant elites. Then only will India finish its century of Independence as a nation that has achieved genuine well-being – a real '*amrit kaal*' and not the seductive but poisoned chimera promised by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Budget 2022-23 address.

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High points in science, technology and innovation

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has undertaken its mission effectively since Independence

SHEKHAR MANDE

Reflecting on 75 years of Independence makes one proud of the socio-economic developments of our country. The long period of colonial rule had robbed India of most of its wealth, and, more importantly, the skills required to sustain economic growth. Starting off as a poor country in 1947, with its GDP a mere ₹2.7 lakh crore, and food grain production a meagre 50 million tonnes, the challenges of educating the people, feeding the population, implementing democracy, promoting industry and trade, and ensuring the country's security remained daunting. It is against this backdrop that the responsibility of developing the science, technology and innovation ecosystem fell upon the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), which had been founded in 1942.

The immediate priority of the CSIR was to establish a number of national laboratories under its umbrella, and also promote similar organisations independently. The CSIR started five of its own laboratories with support from the government and industry and raising resources through crowdsourcing. Similarly, in collaboration with the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and the Government of Bombay, the Government of India (through the CSIR) started the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, with the CSIR providing substantial financial support in the initial years.

Among the first examples of finding science and technology-based solutions was the harmonisation of existing varied calendar systems. A committee under the Chairmanship of Meghnad Saha was formed to address this issue. The committee's report was published by the CSIR in 1955, which then led to its acceptance as the national calendar, now one of the national identity elements. Another example in the early years of Independence was to address the challenges in conducting democratic elections – preventing frauds, including double voting by the same person. The CSIR's National Physical Laboratory developed the indelible ink made up of silver nitrate to address this concern. The indelible ink is used even today and exported to many countries, undoubtedly remaining one of the prized gifts of the CSIR to the nation.

The leather story

At the time of Independence, India did not have well-established industries in many sectors. The informal work sector was also highly unorganised without their skills being developed for any particular industrial segment. A key mandate of the CSIR was, therefore, to help develop local industries by making contemporary technologies available and training requisite manpower. A prominent example of the CSIR's contributions in this context has been in developing the leather industry. The making of finished leather products had remained elusive in the absence of a well-established leather industry and relevant technologies. Consequently, the leather industry employed less than 25,000 people at the time of Independence. In the 1970s, the Government took the decision of banning the export of raw hides and skins, and also imposing 25% export duty on semi-finished leather products. These decisions were a major turning point as far as the development of the leather industry in India was concerned.

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In more than 50 years since then, the leather industry now has a workforce of more than 4.5 million, a large percentage of them being women, and a thriving market for Indian leather products around the world. Indian exports in this sector are close to $6 billion. The CSIR's footprint in this sector has been transformative. First, when the CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) was established in 1948, it developed technologies for finished leather products, such as the first ever indigenous manufacture of leather chemicals, making the transition from semi-finished to finished leather possible. Further, the CSIR-CLRI routinely trained the next generation manpower for the leather industry. As a result, more than 40% personnel employed in the leather industry have been trained directly or indirectly in the CSIR-CLRI. Human resource development across all sectors, dominantly that in science, technology and innovation, has been the hallmark of CSIR.

Successes in technologies

The Green Revolution has been one of the crowning glories of science, technology and innovation. Similarly, the emergence of the generic pharmaceutical industry in India also has a fascinating history.

During the Green Revolution, the CSIR's footprint could be seen in the development of agrochemicals and the mechanisation of agriculture. The chemicals industry needed the necessary thrust for its maturation although the Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. had been formed by Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray long before Independence. Two public sector companies were founded, post-Independence, based on technologies developed in the CSIR's laboratories – the Hindustan Insecticides Ltd. and Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd., the former to make agrochemicals. Similarly, production of anti-HIV drugs by processes developed in CSIR laboratories provided the necessary impetus to the growth of generic pharmaceutical companies. These indeed represent fine examples of academia-industry interactions from the early days of Independence.

The mechanisation of agriculture was achieved through the indigenous development of the Swaraj tractor at the CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), leading to the formation of Punjab Tractors Ltd. in 1970. Notably, the technical team of CSIR-CMERI shifted to this company, presenting one of the first successful models of a spin-off company from academia in the country.

Path to self-reliance

A significant impact of the CSIR is also seen in the food and nutrition industry, in the aerospace sector, in the health and biotechnology industry, in protecting India's traditional knowledge systems, and in promoting crops for enhancing farmers' incomes. For example, in the 1950s, when solving the infant food problem appeared impossible, the CSIR successfully developed technologies to convert buffalo milk into powder and commercialised it with the help of Amul Industries. The Aroma Mission of the CSIR in recent times has been transforming the lives of thousands of farmers across the country. The cultivation of lavender in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been attracting attention worldwide as India's 'Purple Revolution'. Thus, there are many examples of science, technology and innovation, which have allowed India to take definitive steps towards becoming an Atmanirbhar country. True Atmanirbharta will however emerge only if we remain at the forefront of futuristic technology development – a task clearly cut out for the CSIR.

Even as we attribute the growing affluence of Indian society to science, technology and innovation-led developments, the challenges for the future remain intimidating. Reducing dependence on natural resources, making all industrial processes circular so that no footprint of human activity is left, making technologies environmentally friendly, providing sufficient opportunities to all for living either in cities or in villages will remain priorities of science and technology. Moreover, the ancient wisdom of integrating science and spirituality by enhancing our understanding of nature in association with that of the human mind and spirit will be the fond hope of the science and technology community of India.

Dr. Shekhar Mande is former Director-General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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India at 75

The issue dated August 15, with the page of 1947 in black and white and in a vintage font, made one feel both proud and nostalgic. It is remarkable that our freedom fighters achieved the goal of Independence. The memories of their sacrifices must remain evergreen.

TUSHAR ANAND,
Patna, Bihar

■ The issue dated August 15, 2022, dedicated to India's 75th year of Independence, was inspiring in many ways. It had enlightening articles by eminent writers, a rare photograph or two such as 'The Second Round Table Conference in 1931', and importantly, the facsimile of the iconic page of August 15, 1947. The day was also special as a close relative, who was a freedom fighter, and aged 104, was invited to unfurl the tricolour flag at a function in Chennai.

R. SIVAKUMAR,
Chennai

■ I am 76-plus and the special edition was a delight. The front page was a surprise. I was able to retrieve a copy of the full issue of *The Hindu* (August 15, 1947) preserved at home – it is in a poor state – and was able to go through the issue carefully.

V. BALASUBRAMANIYAN,
Chennai

■ The reprint from 1947 and articles by luminaries were fresh air. I congratulate the daily for maintaining its chequered tradition.

J. ANANTHA PADMANABHAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

■ The article by former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh was insightful. The balanced view on the state of present-day affairs is worth pondering over.

S. KRISHNAN,
Hyderabad

■ It was disappointing to read some of the articles, especially "The temples that Jawaharlal Nehru built" (Editorial page, August 16). Why was there so much of 'Nehru worship'? There are quite a few events and developments that occurred much after the passing of Nehru such as economic liberalisation and the digital revolution. Why this focus and on the Congress's viewpoint on a momentous occasion?

S. SUDHIR KUMAR,
Hyderabad

A probe into the Nehruvian pledge

The inequality of opportunities which Nehru wanted to eradicate has only systematically widened

M.A. OOMMEN

Bliss was in that dawn to be alive, But to be young was very Heaven! O Times" –William Wordsworth

Bliss was the night when I, along with the hostel students of St. Berchmans College, Kerala, proudly donning Gandhi caps and carrying crackers, waited to ring in August 15, 1947. With no radio around, we missed the historic speech of Jawaharlal Nehru, who said: "Long years ago, we made a tryst with destiny and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge... of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity... The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer. It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity."

Seventy-five years on, it is instructive to ask how far we have redeemed the pledge. Economists in general have not examined this question. But three books by Jean Dreze and Amartya Sen, written over 18 years, comprehensively examined the transformative process within their freedom-capability perspective keeping in mind the larger context of the demands of democracy and social justice. This article reviews the pledge of ending inequality of opportunity made at the time of Independence under three broad heads: gender inequality, social inequality and the practice of democracy. Let me hasten to add, I do not berate India's achievements as an economic power, its progress in literature, science, technology, knowledge diffusion, innovation achievements, distinctions in music, films, market sophistication, and so on. But the compulsions of our history and public reason demand clarity regarding objectives and instruments, ends and means.

Men, women and equality

At midnight, we shouted the slogan, 'Bolo Bharat Mata Ki Jai', blissfully unaware of the unfreedoms of women in those days. Today, one will be shocked to find that the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) in 456 out of 640 districts is above 140 per lakh live births; in Assam, it is 215. That it is eminently better in the southern States shows not only the vast disparities in the health systems of States, but also the loss of freedom of millions to live long. Considering the global Sustainable Development Goals target, all countries are expected to have a MMR that is below 70.

Reducing the inequality between men and women in their access to resources and opportunity is an important metric of civilisation. The Global Gender Gap Index, produced by the World Economic Forum, with a stable methodology using four sub-indices – economic participation, educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment – based on 14 indicators, provides a snapshot of where men and women in India stand globally. In 2006, India's rank was 98 as against 13 for Sri Lanka and 91 for Bangladesh. India's position fell to 135 in 2022, whereas Bangladesh improved its position to 71. Comparisons with Pakistan's 145 or Afghanistan's 146 can offer only cold comfort. In the sub-indice of economic participation, India fell from 110 in 2006 to 151 in 2021. Worse, in health and survival, it slipped from 103 in 2006 to 155 in 2021. That the reported Indian Penal Code (IPC) crimes against women as a proportion of total IPC crimes increased steadily between 1990 and 2019 is an ominous portend. It does not speak highly of our democracy that this happened despite 20 States reserving 50%, and others one-third, of local government seats for women.

Unless serious public interventions are made, inequality of opportunity will only widen where social disparities in gender, caste and class coexist. There are constitutional guarantees of reservation in employment and education for historically marginalised communities to expand their opportunities, but because these groups have had to contend with powerful groups with great initial endowments and an early start, these guarantees have proved to be largely ineffective. Moreover, India has failed to seriously implement land reforms. The resounding slogan 'land to the tiller' of the pre-Independence struggle has quietly vanished. While the property-owning class have been winners, the landless Dalits, Adivasis and the poor have not been able to go forward.

In a 2019 paper, Thomas Piketty and Lucas Chancel trace India's journey 'From British Raj to Billionaire Raj' and show that the egalitarian achievements up to the early 1980s have been lost following the liberalisation turnaround. They estimate that the top 1% earners captured less than 21% of the total income in the late 1930s, 6% in the early 1980s and 22% in recent times. On the other hand, the share of the bottom 50% remained below 14%. This is but inevitable because the share of the bottom 50% income group grew 90% in the 1980-2015 period, while that of the top 10% grew 435% (Review of Income and Wealth, Series 65, Number S1, 2019). We cannot forget that the number of billionaires in India grew from 102 in 2020 to 142 in 2021, while the share of the bottom 50% in national wealth shrank to a low 6% in the worst pandemic times (Oxfam).

These striking numbers clearly prove that the sustained gains of economic growth have not been channeled to widen the access to education, health care, social security and so on. This could have substantially expanded India's opportunities and freedom. The country that once chose a socialist pattern of society is not even a good social democratic variant now.

The practice of democracy

With growing social and economic inequality, Indian democracy is emerging into what Shankkar Aiyar calls the "Gated Republic". His book under this phrase narrates why the privileged classes do not demand key public goods such as drinking water, electricity, and law and order; it is because they have bottled water, storage tanks, water purifiers, inverters, private security and the like. Many of the avoidable deaths, and disease, that happen in India are due to the public failure in providing water, public hygiene, education and the rule of law. It is paradoxical that India, which successfully launched the Mars Orbiter and Chandrayaan missions, could not eradicate mass poverty, especially of the Adivasis, fisherfolk and Dalits. The Economic Survey 2021 (Chapter 4) asserts that economic growth and inequality will converge in terms of their effects on socioeconomic outcomes. The trickle-down thesis is an insult to the poor. Only the rich who finance the political parties can have their quid pro quo, while social rights get drowned. Look at the promotion of electoral bonds on the grounds of 'donor's anonymity' while the Election Commission and other democratic institutions get throttled? Corruption is pervasive and undermines democratic practice. The moral turpitude of the Opposition makes adversarial politics toothless and timid. The local democracy, heralded 30 years ago with great hopes to build India on a plank of economic development and social justice from the grass-roots level, faces utter neglect. The Mission Antyodaya project to eradicate mass poverty is in the backburner.

After 75 years of Independence, the inequality of opportunities, which Nehru wanted to eradicate, has only systematically widened. When will the "soul of a nation, long suppressed" find "utterance"?

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The coming 75 years

A higher standard of living is possible if India shifts its focus to science and technology

BINAY PANDA

As India celebrates 75 years of Independence, it is apt to imagine what the next 75 years will look like. Can our nation, obsessed with politics, Bollywood, and cricket, aspire to make the next 75 years an enviable era with a higher standard of living for every citizen? Yes, India can, and will, provided there is a shift in focus to science and technology. But how will India make this happen, given that it spends a meagre 0.7% of its GDP on research and development (R&D)? It needs to make some fundamental policy changes to facilitate the transition. These include increasing the R&D budget to 4% of the nation's GDP, ensuring that individual institutions implement processes to accommodate the large budget, encouraging individual entrepreneurs and linking science with society.

Strengthening infrastructure

First, spending 4% of the national GDP on R&D is required to drive science and innovation. Israel and South Korea are prime examples that drive their respective economies by spending nearly 5% of their GDP on R&D. However, an increase in the science budget to innovate must precede appropriate macro-level policy changes on how and where the money needs to be spent. A part of this increase needs to be earmarked for building physical and intellectual infrastructure across the country, especially in the universities. A first-class infrastructure must be accompanied by well-trained, globally competitive institutional administrators and processes. India cannot compete on a global stage unless the dwindling infrastructure of its universities is upgraded.

Second, before any policy changes take effect, individual institutions must implement processes to accommodate the large budget. This requires standardising procedures across institutions and borrowing the best practices from some global counterparts. For example, when the government encourages public-private partnerships, each grant-receiving institution must have internal procedures to handle their scientists' requests to facilitate effective academia-industry collaboration. Although there is a well-defined system to disburse research grants to scientists through their institutions, it is mired in inefficiencies. Inadequate staffing at funding agencies, lack of transparency in fund disbursal, lack of a rigorous international standard review and feedback process, excessive delay in fund disbursal, and an outdated appraisal system are holding our scientists back. Everyone knows about the lacking, but what is the way out? Part of the solution is to bring and implement best practices from the industry and some of the best-run science grant administrations abroad. The involvement of the IT major, Tata Consulting Services, and technology use in transforming passport services across the globe gives us hope. This is not to hand over the crucial decision-making process of science grant administration to the industry, but to facilitate the process of paper submission and to make the decision-making process easier, faster, and with complete transparency.

Science for the masses

Third, it is time to bring the fruits of science and technology closer to the masses. There is no better way to do this than by promoting and facilitating individual entrepreneurs. This has received increased attention from the government with many positive policy changes. However, without proper nutrition, the plants cannot produce greener leaves. There are no better cradles for creative ideas than our university labs. A robust system to link the labs with the entrepreneurs to funnel innovative ideas, products, and solutions to our society needs to be in place. To make this happen, the universities must encourage scientists to innovate and place standardised procedures to take ideas out of labs. Entrepreneurship will only succeed in India if it is backed by a funnel of ideas and a liberal process of taking those ideas out of our university labs.

Where does India find $125 billion or nearly ₹10 lakh crore to fund science? India cannot do that by taking money away from social infrastructure, rural development or important welfare schemes. This is only possible if India cuts the defence budget. No nation can claim to win wars in the 21st century with increased defence spending. Even the mighty U.S., with an excess of $750 billion dollars in the defence budget, could not defeat the Taliban. We must realise that the next generation of war is economic, not military, and only a science and technology-driven economy can prepare us for that.

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STATE OF PLAY

Questioning a colonial legacy

It is hoped that the constabulary will go back to policing instead of running errands for officers

S. VIJAY KUMAR

As the country celebrates 75 years of Independence, the Madras High Court is seeking to rid the police force of the colonial legacy of employing police personnel as orderlies at the homes of senior police officers. "Such uniformed trained police personnel are performing the household work and menial jobs in the residence of higher officials at the cost of the taxpayers' funds. Public has a right to question the mindset of the higher officials," observed Justice S.M. Subramaniam in his recent interim orders. The court had taken suo motu cognisance of the issue.

Last month, the judge had directed the State Home Secretary to take steps to remove uniformed personnel engaged as 'orderlies'. The court has said the "slavery system" must be abolished, failing which it will take some other course of action. It has posted the case for August 18.

The orderly system was officially banned in 1979. Yet, it is common practice to see men in khaki trousers and white crew neck banians running household errands for senior police officers and their family members. In some instances, even retired top officers have retained orderlies.

Going by rough estimates, a few hundreds of police personnel are deployed in the residences of serving and retired police officers. They don't perform any police duty, but get a travelling allowance and extra time remuneration. These extra perks without performing any particularly difficult chores keep them happy.

But the orderlies are technically on the rolls of police stations, armed reserve or battalion strength. Their absence from official duties only adds to the burden of the already understaffed police force. The use of a few hundreds of vehicles for personal use again leaves Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors without vehicles. This leads to allegations that they force complainants to hire private vehicles for investigation purposes.

When the High Court took up the issue of the orderly system in 2018, the then DGP gave an affidavit claiming that it has been abolished. With the court bracing to pronounce its verdict, incumbent DGP C. Sylendra Babu recently called for an urgent meeting of senior police officers in Chennai and urged them to send back police constables, head constables and other rank personnel working as orderlies in their camp offices or residences for police duties. He also asked police officers above the rank of SP to give an undertaking that there are no orderlies at their residences.

However, officers engaged in law-and-order duties may be permitted to have a couple of police constables at the camp office to attend phone calls, visitors, etc. A three-member committee comprising the Chennai Police Commissioner, ADGP (Administration) and ADGP (Armed Police) has been constituted to study the issue and take suitable action at the earliest.

Rights activists have also argued that the use of uniformed personnel and police vehicles for personal use amounts to criminal misconduct as the officers draw an allowance of ₹10,000 for engaging servants at home without actually engaging them. Their contention stems from Section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. This states that a public servant is said to commit the offence of criminal misconduct if he/she dishonestly or fraudulently misappropriates or otherwise converts for his/her own use any property entrusted to him/her or any property under his/her control as a public servant or allows any other person so to do or if he/she intentionally enriches himself/herself illicitly during the period of office. It is hoped that on the court's watch, the constabulary will go back to doing its job of policing instead of running errands for officers.

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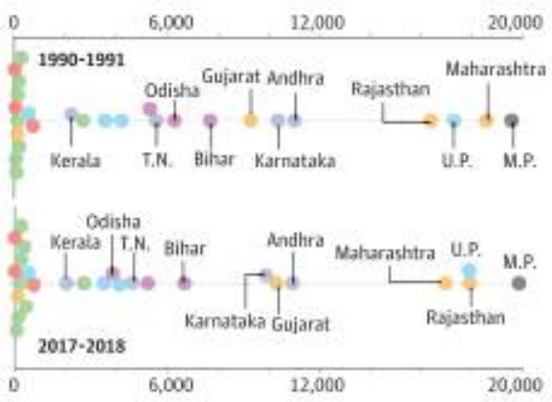
DATA POINT

Agriculture production and yield

Punjab and Haryana continue to stand apart from other States in terms of foodgrain yield. Yield is the weight of the produce harvested divided by the area of the land sowed. Foodgrain includes rice, wheat, pulses and coarse cereals. In terms of total foodgrain production, Punjab and Haryana are among the top States, followed by Madhya Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh and some western and southern States dominate the production of non-foodgrains, which includes oilseeds, cotton, sugarcane and jute. The calculations in these graphs are for undivided Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Regions: North (●), South (●), East (●), Northeast (●), West (●), Central India (●) and Union Territory (●). By **The Hindu Data Team**

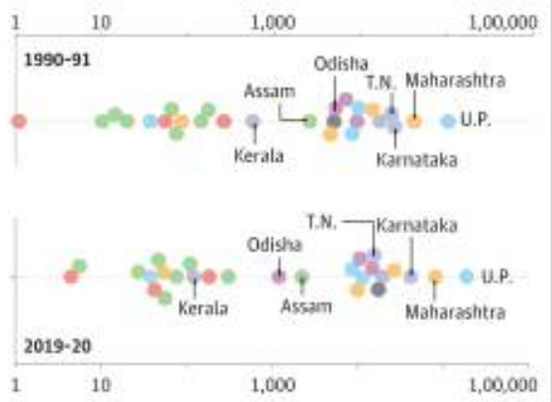
Net sown area: FY91 vs FY18

1 The graph shows net sown area measured in thousand hectares. An area sown more than once in a year is counted only once. Net sown area has reduced drastically in Odisha, Maharashtra and Bihar, while it has gone up significantly in Rajasthan, Gujarat and U.P.



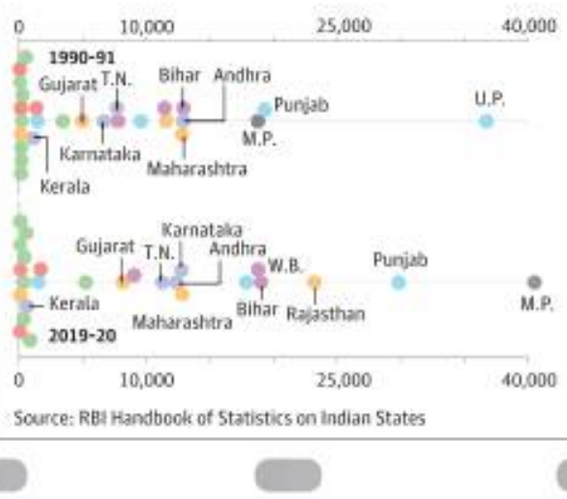
Production of non-foodgrains: FY91 vs FY20

3 The graph shows non-foodgrains produced in thousand tonnes. Non-foodgrain production has drastically improved across most States, but has dropped sizeably in Tamil Nadu and Odisha. Uttar Pradesh leads the nation followed by Maharashtra in both the years



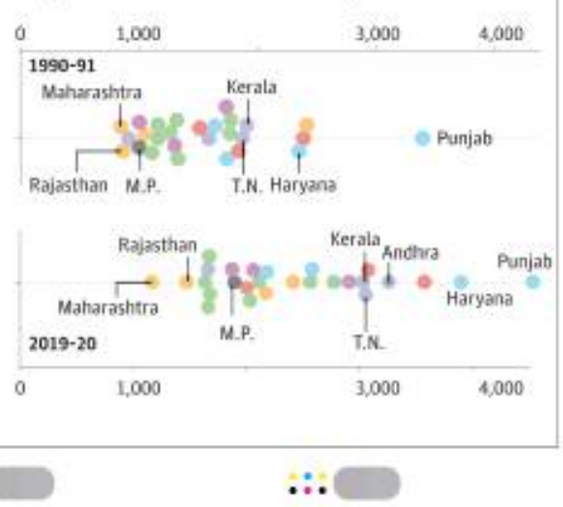
Production of foodgrain: FY91 vs FY20

2 The graph shows foodgrain produced in thousand tonnes. Foodgrain production has drastically improved across most States, while dropping marginally in Andhra Pradesh and Kerala



Yield per hectare: FY91 vs FY20

4 The graph shows the yield achieved in foodgrain production in kilogramme per hectare. While the yield has improved majorly across most States, Punjab and Haryana continue to lead the nation by a distance



Source: RBI Handbook of Statistics on Indian States

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 17, 1972

Many States oppose kissing in films

New Delhi, Aug. 16: While the inquiry committee on film censorship has recommended liberalisation of censorship rules a number of States have strongly opposed introduction of "passionate kissing and exhibition of nudity" in Indian films. This is disclosed in a statement showing the principal recommendations of the committee and views received from the film industry and State Governments thereon which was tabled in the Lok Sabha to-day. The committee observed that any law dealing with film censorship should merely state that films must not be repugnant to Article 19(2) of the Constitution. It is not necessary to have a long catalogue of general principles. The abovementioned Article of the Constitution safeguards the sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the State, friendly relations with foreign countries, public order, decency and morality, contempt of court and defamation and incitement to an offence. The States which have opposed introduction of kissing and nudity in Indian films are Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and West Bengal. Kerala and Pondicherry are, however, in agreement with the recommendations of the committee. Other States have "no comments" to offer.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 17, 1922

Mr. Sastri

Vancour, August 16: Mr. Sastri has arrived on a three week tour to Canada to investigate the status of Indians and will speak at various places. In a speech here, he said: 'We seek the full recognised British citizenship for the native of India domiciled in any part of the Empire. I am here to support that principle. There is not now nor can there be any influx of Indians here, or to any other Dominion without that Dominion's consent under the 1928 policy of mutual consultation and agreement. India does not intend and does not desire to reopen that phase of her Empire status.' Mr. Sastri declared there was a feeling in India that the rest of the Empire regarded Indians as inferior people and the latter asked why should we cling to the Empire if we are evermore to be looked down upon and exploited. Mr. Sastri added that his desire was to be able to report to his Government that there is no disposition on the part of sister Dominions to look down upon citizens of India. It was the Indian Government's policy to discourage emigration and to stop absolutely the system of indentured labour.

FROM PAGE ONE

Chinese military vessel arrives in Sri Lanka

China extended about $2.8 billion to Sri Lanka soon after the pandemic hit but has not stepped in much this year, even as the island's economy collapsed rapidly. Beijing, which announced a $74 million grant in May, is yet to respond to Colombo's request for bridge financing, reportedly totally $4 billion. India has extended about $3.8 billion this year to help Sri Lanka cope with its economic crisis.

Responding to a query on Chinese assistance, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said, "We feel deeply for the economic and social difficulties that the Sri Lankan side is currently facing. For quite some time, we have been providing active support to Sri Lanka for it to overcome the difficulties. That is what we did and what we will continue to do." A team of Sri Lankan MPs and Chinese officials were present at the ceremonial welcome to the vessel on Tuesday. "Long live China and Sri Lanka friendship," a red banner held by the crew on the upper deck of the vessel read.

The Chinese vessel arrived in Sri Lanka a day after India gifted a Dornier marine surveillance aircraft to the island nation to "enhance" its security capabilities.

FIFA suspends India, Centre approaches SC

The top court had appointed a Committee of Administrators (CoA) to govern the AIFF following an order on May 18, 2022, in which it was observed that the continuance of the executive committee of the AIFF beyond its four-year term was "not in the interest of the proper governance of the Federation".

On August 11, the court allowed a request made by the Sports Ministry for an opportunity to calm the troubled waters within the AIFF by meeting with its CoA and FIFA. But the Bench reminded that it wanted India to host the World Cup and the court would assert every authority under its command to make it happen. The sharp remarks from the Bench came while hearing a contempt petition filed by the CoA, which had complained that AIFF's former president, Praful Patel, and some of the football associations were moving "indirectly" to thwart the SC interim order to hold elections to the federation and finalise the AIFF's Constitution in time for the World Cup. "You want to sort it out among yourselves, we have no difficulty because we want the World Cup to be held here," Justice Chandrachud had addressed the lawyers for AIFF, States associations, the Ministry and other parties.

31 Ministers inducted into Bihar Cabinet

The portfolios of new Ministers too were allocated on Tuesday, with Mr. Kumar keeping home, general administration, Cabinet secretariat, election, and all the departments that have not been allocated, while Mr. Tejashwi Yadav got health, road construction, and urban development and housing. Mr. Tej Pratap got the environment, forest and climate change department.

Two Congress legislators – Afaque Alam from the minority community, and Murari Lal Gautam from the Scheduled Caste community – were inducted as Minister of Animal and Fisheries Resources, and of Panchayati Raj, respectively.

The BJP slammed the expansion. *"Sirf do varg ke logon ko 33% jagan de di gayee ...aur aapradhik chhavi ke logon ki bharmar hai* (people of only two classes were given 33% place in the Cabinet ...and, there are several people with a criminal profile)," State BJP leader and Rajya Sabha member Sushil Kumar Modi said.

Gujarat freed Bilkis case convicts as per old policy

Present norms bar out-of-turn release

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The Gujarat government released 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case of the 2002 Gujarat riots, relying on a 1992 policy following the direction of the Supreme Court, while the State government's revised policy of 2014 would have made them ineligible for remission. The 2014 policy bars out-of-turn release of prisoners convicted for rape and murder.

A State government official said the decision to release the prisoners was taken as per the 1992 policy based on the Supreme Court's order on May 13.

The SC said, "The respondents (State of Gujarat) are directed to consider the application of the petitioner for premature release in terms of its policy dated 9th July 1992, which is applicable on the date of conviction and may be decided within a period of two months."

One of the convicts, Radhesyam Bhagwandas Shah, had moved the court this year "seeking direction in the nature of mandamus (judicial writ) to the State of Gujarat" to consider his application for premature release under the Gujarat government's July 9, 1992 policy, which existed at the time of his conviction.

His previous such plea with the Gujarat High Court was declined as the trial concluded in Maharashtra.

Shah, along with 10 others, was awarded life imprisonment by a special Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court in Mumbai in January 2008 on charges of gangrape and murder of seven members of Bilkis Bano's family during the post-Godhra communal riots in Gujarat. At the time of his conviction, the 1992 policy was in effect.

The 1992 circular was quoted in a 2012 Gujarat High Court order. It said that the circular "pertains to the early release of the life convicts who on and after 18.12.1978 have served out 14 clear years imprisonment". Shah's petition in the apex court said that as on April 1, 2022, he had undergone the sentence of more than 15 years 4 months without remission.

The Gujarat Government informed the Supreme Court that, in this case, the appropriate government is State of Maharashtra as the trial was concluded there. The SC said that the crime was indisputably committed in Gujarat, which is the appropriate government competent to examine the application filed for premature release.

Congress questions Centre over revenue loss of ₹1.84 lakh crore

Why is the government showing benevolence only for the corporates, party asks

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The Congress on Tuesday questioned the Narendra Modi government over the corporate tax cut that led to a revenue loss of ₹1.84 lakh crore to the public exchequer as per a report of the Parliamentary Committee on Estimates, and asked why the middle class was charged at a peak tax rate of 30% against 22% for the corporates.

The committee is headed by the BJP and 12 of the 16 members also belong to the ruling party.

Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh, at a press conference at the party's headquarters in Delhi, said that for the past three years, the government had repeatedly claimed that the corporate tax cut would help increase tax collection.

"But the committee put out different claims in its report submitted on August 8, 2022. The panel said the corporate tax cut of 2019 had resulted in a negative 'revenue impact' of ₹1.84 lakh crore," Mr. Vallabh said.

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> GOURAV VALLABH
> Congress spokesperson

The government introduced the tax cut in September 2019, just two days before the "Howdy Modi" event at Houston in the United States.

The rate cuts, Mr. Vallabh said, had come in the same month the Union Finance Minister told the States at a GST Council meeting in Goa that that the Centre had no money and would not be paying the GST compensation anymore.

The government's claim, Mr. Vallabh said, about increasing the collections had also fallen flat.

"Corporate tax is paid on corporate profits after accounting for all expenses. As per CMIE, 30,000 companies (5,000 listed and 25,000 unlisted) made a 138% increase in net profits in FY21 over FY20. In FY22, listed companies alone made profits that grew by 66.2% over FY21. As per SBI research paper, the corporate tax cut contributed 19% to the top line for FY 21. So the corporate tax cut contributed to the increase in corporate profits but didn't raise corporate tax collections," he added.

The other argument that the money saved on taxes was re-routed as capital expenditure was also wrong, Mr. Vallabh said, because in the financial year 2021-22 the capital expenditure grew by a mere 2.3%, a six-year low.

"As per RBI, the corporate tax cut has been utilised by companies in debt servicing, build-up of cash balances and other current assets rather than restarting the CAPEX cycle," he said.

Extending tax cuts

Mr. Vallabh said it was astounding that amid the pandemic, the government, rather than increasing the MGNREGA budget, was extending tax cuts for the corporate world.

He asked, "Why does this government show benevolence only for the corporates and step-motherly treatment for the middle class? Why are such rate cuts limited to corporates, why the middle class is taxed at a peak income tax rate of 30% (that too without setting off the expenses) and corporates at 15% or 22% ?"

If a similar cut was offered to the middle class, he asserted that consumption would have increased directly, providing more employment opportunities.

BJP chief meets party's Bihar core committee

First meeting after Nitish broke ties

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On a day the JD(U)-RJD alliance Council of Ministers took oath in Bihar, the BJP, left out in the cold after Chief Minister Nitish Kumar broke the alliance with the NDA, got into a huddle to discuss the future course of action for the party in the State, with the immediate resolve that the 2024 Lok Sabha election should be prioritised.

BJP president J.P. Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah as well as 20 other leaders of the BJP's State unit, including president Sanjay Jayaswal and former Union Minister Ravi Shankar, met in New Delhi over the party's rather lonely predicament in Bihar.

After the meeting, Mr. Jayaswal said: "This new alliance (JD-U and RJD) is a betrayal of the people and it gives a backdoor entry to Lalu*raj* in the State. We will protest from the House (Assembly) to the street. BJP will contest the 2024 Lok Sabha election under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and we will win more than 35 seats."

J.P. Nadda

Sources present at the meeting said that the leadership was clear that the immediate priority was the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

"Just before the national executive meeting of the party's frontal organisations in Patna last month, leaders had been told to fan out to 200 Assembly constituencies to get feedback from the party cadre and from the ground," said a source. "That feedback was also sought by the national leadership. In much of the reports, the general unpopularity of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar came to the fore," added the source.

Sources also said that there could a change in leadership in the State unit. Suspense is rife that Sushil Kumar Modi will be brought to back to the State.

SC to examine validity of child gang-rape law

It does not afford a chance to atone or reform: petitioner

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to examine the validity of a law which sends a guilty man either to a lifetime in prison or to the gallows for gang-raping a child under 12 years without affording him a chance to atone for his crime or reform. The petition was filed by a 29-year-old man, Nikhil Shivaji Golait, who is serving a prison sentence which would last till the end of his natural life for the gangrape of a nine-year-old in Maharashtra in 2019. He was initially sentenced to death by a special court. The Bombay High Court had commuted it to life imprisonment without remission.

Golait argued that Section 376DB (gangrape of a child under 12 years of age) of the IPCrestricted the trial judge's options to either a sentence for "the remainder of the person's natural life" or death penalty. Life imprisonment is the "minimum, mandatory" punishment under the provision.

Appearing before a Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, advocate Gaurav Agrawal, for the petitioner, argued that unlike Section 376DB, the minimum punishment prescribed under Section 376AB (rape of a child under 12 years of age) was 20 years of imprisonment.

"Simply because two persons are involved in the offence of rape of a minor child of less than 12 years, the sentence imposed under Section 376DB is totally disproportionate in as much as a person can be imprisoned for 40 to 50 years, if not more," the petition contended.

Mr. Agarwal submitted that Section 376DB offered a trial court no option but life sentence or the higher punishment of death penalty. The petition argued that Section 376DB violated Articles 21 (right to life) and 14 (right to equality) of the Constitution.

"Reformation is one of the important aspects of sentencing jurisprudence in this country. A large number of judgments have shown that even in a case of rape and murder of a minor, the Supreme Court has accepted the fact that there is a chance of reformation of the convict and commuted death sentence to life imprisonment. In many cases, the apex court has provided a minimum term of imprisonment of 20 years/25 years/30 years," the petition said. Section 376DB was introduced in 2018 when the penal code was amended to provide harsher sentences for the offence of rape.

Referring to the global scenario on the issue, the petitioner highlighted that the European Court of Human Rights in the case of Vinter versus The United Kingdom had ruled that imposing life sentences without review and a realistic prospect of release was a violation of Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Listing the case on October 18, the Bench asked Additional Solicitor General K.M. Nataraj, for the Union, and advocate Rahul Chitnis, appearing for Maharashtra, to file their written submissions raised in the petition on or before October 11.

BJP silent, VHP condemns attack on Salman Rushdie

Furore over remarks by Nupur Sharma holds back BJP

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

The BJP continues to maintain a studied silence over the attack on author Salman Rushdie last week, with spokespersons and leaders of the party only referring to a response by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar over the issue, which basically acknowledged that the government had noted the matter and the response of other countries.

Mr. Rushdie, the author of *The Satanic Verses* who had for years faced death threats after the Iranian government issued a fatwa against him, was stabbed while he was speaking at a literary event in New York on August 12. Mr. Jaishankar had, at an event in Bengaluru, said, "I also read about it. This is something that the whole world has noticed and the whole world has reacted to such an attack."

VHP is upfront

While the BJP has been silent, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad has been upfront in condemning the attack on Mr. Rushdie. "We pray to God for the earliest recovery of he who has fought for freedom of expression for the last few decades at the cost of his security. The world has to identify, isolate and punish those against humanity. Why are the Muslim Ulema and their institutions silent on the cowardly attack on the writer and advocate of freedom of expression?" Vinod Bansal, spokesperson for the VHP, said.

Salman Rushdie

Ban on book

In the past, the BJP had framed the ban on the book by the Rajiv Gandhi government as reflective of the double standards on the issues of secularism where issues related to Hinduism are not treated the same.

Senior leaders say that while at any other time the BJP would have reacted to the attack on Mr. Rushdie, the international furore, particularly in West Asian countries, that erupted over former spokesperson Nupur Sharma's remarks on Prophet Muhammed had stayed their hand.

The remarks made by Ms. Sharma as a panelist on a TV show created uproar among countries such as Qatar, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, among others. She was removed from her position as a national spokesperson of the party and the government had to face the summoning of its envoys by these countries for an explanation. The silence on the attack on Mr. Rushdie seems to be a fall out of that incident.

The BJP has, however, been vociferously protesting against the murder of Kanhaiya Lal, a tailor in Udaipur, who was killed for supporting Ms. Sharma, and that of Umesh Kolhe, a chemist in Amravati who was also killed by suspected Islamic fundamentalists for reportedly the same reason.

No targeted attacks on Christians: govt.

Petition based on 'falsehood' and 'selective self-serving documents', it says

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry on Tuesday in the Supreme Court said a petition claiming attacks on the Christian community was based on "falsehood" and "selective self-serving documents". Even family feuds and private land disputes were being shown as communal targeting, the Ministry countered.

The petition was filed by Rev. Dr. Peter Machado of the National Solidarity Forum, Rev. Vijayesh Lal of the Evangelical Fellowship of India, and others.

A Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud took up the case on Tuesday, but adjourned it to next Thursday for detailed hearing. It gave the petitioners time to file their rejoinder to the government affidavit.

'Gleaned from media'

The Ministry said the petition was sourced from information gleaned from media reports. "Majority of the incidents alleged as Christian persecution in these reports were either false or wrongfully projected. In some cases, incidents of purely criminal nature and arising out of personal issues, have been categorised as violence targeting Christians," the affidavit said.

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The Ministry said several incidents were "not necessarily related to incidents on violence targeting Christians". "Incidents of minor disputes, where no religious/communal angle existed, had also been published in the self-serving reports as instances of violence against Christians," it said.

The affidavit contended that "preliminary factual check and inputs received" that even action taken by local administrations against illegal constructions are projected as instances of religious targeting of places.

'Police not biased'

The Ministry objected to reports that the police were negligent or biased or complicit with vigilante groups, leading to an atmosphere of intolerance.

"On the contrary, a preliminary factual check and the inputs received reveals that the police had taken prompt action in numerous cases and conducted necessary investigation as per rules," the Ministry defended.

On August 5, the court had asked the Centre to find out whether States were following its 2018 judgment, which placed the onus on the police to prevent communal violence and lynchings.

Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, for the petitioners, had submitted that there were around 505 attacks on the religious community in the past several months. "We had laid a framework to deal with such cases in the *Tehseen Poonawala* judgment. We want to know whether our directions in the judgment are being followed by States...," Justice Chandrachud had told the government.

The July 2018 judgment had laid down several preventive, remedial and punitive measures to combat the crime of lynching. It had condemned the increased number of incidents of mob lynchings across the country as "horrendous acts of mobocracy".

Will fulfil the needs of partners: Russian official

Slusar vows to transfer 60% technology

DINAKAR PERI
MOSCOW

The main focus of the Russian aircraft industry was the ongoing 'special military operation' but "we are committed to fulfilling the requirements of our partners", said CEO of United Aircraft Corporation of Russia Yury Slusar on Tuesday while also stating that they were the only partner which could offer over 60% transfer of technology to meet India's fighter requirements.

"We are facing two challenges. One with civil and another with military. With civil our main task is to substitute foreign aircraft with indigenous ones... With military the main focus is the special military operation that is under way," Mr. Slusar said in an interaction with visiting journalists at the ongoing Army-2022 exhibition. "At the same time, we remain a reliable partner. All our contracts are in place, and we are maintaining good relations with our partners."

On the civilian side, he said they had three main tasks. First was to continue stable operation of Russian aircraft in the fleet; second was to complete substitution programme; and third to increase volumes of production to 120 units a year. "Now we are making 40 aircraft per year which need a three-fold increase and which we should as soon as possible. Because Boeing and Airbus fleet will age and need to be replaced with Russian aircraft," he stated.

On the military front their main task was to jointly work with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for maintenance of the fleet and also to produce new aircraft as per government schedule, Mr. Slusar said. Acknowledging that there were difficulties with logistics, payments and money transfers, Mr. Slusar said they were fully engaged with their partners. "We are alive, we are working with our partners. We continue to be a reliable partner," he asserted.

7 killed as bus carrying security personnel falls into gorge in J&K

32 injured in accident in Anantnag district; Murmu, Dhankhar condole loss of lives

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Seven personnel of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) were killed and 32 others, including two personnel of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, were injured after the bus in which they were returning from Amarnath Yatra duty fell into a gorge near Zig Chandanwari in Anantnag district of south Kashmir on Tuesday.

Tragic incident: Rescue work under way at the accident site near Chandanwari in J&K on Tuesday. • PTI

The bus, carrying 37 ITBP personnel and two from the Jammu and Kashmir Police, was returning from Chandanwari Pahalgam when the driver lost control over the vehicle after the brake failed, an official said.

The injured were airlifted to the Army Hospital in Srinagar for treatment. The condition of eight of them is stated to be critical.

The deceased were identified as head constable Dula Singh from Taran Taran, Punjab, and constables Abhiraj (Lakhisarai, Bihar), Amit K. (Etah,Uttar Pradesh), D. Raj Shekhar (Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh), Subhash C. Bairwal (Sikar Rajasthan), Dinesh Bohra (Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand) and Sandeep Kumar (Jammu).

Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, Piyush Singla said medical teams were put on high alert and 19 ambulances were rushed to the spot.

Images from the accident site showed the mangled bus lying on the riverbed while rescuers looked for victims on the rocky terrain. Other security personnel in the convoy rushed immediately to help their colleagues after the bus rolled down about 60 metres. Locals and tourists in the area also assisted in the evacuation. While two ITBP personnel died on the spot, five others succumbed to their injuries later, officials said.

President Droupadi Murmu, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and other leaders condoled the loss of lives in the accident and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured.

"I'm deeply saddened by the tragic accident in J&K where 7 ITBP personnel lost lives. My heartfelt condolences to the family of the Bereaved," Sujoy Lal Thaosen, Director-General of the ITBP, said in a tweet.

J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha visited the Army Hospital and met the injured ITBP personnel.

He said all possible assistance was being provided to the injured.

(With PTI inputs)

Defence equipment given to Army

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday handed over several indigenously developed equipment and systems to the Army.

They include Future Infantry Soldier as a System (F-INSAS), new generation anti-personnel mine 'Nipun', rugged and automatic communication system with enhanced capabilities, upgraded sights system for tanks, advanced thermal imagers and state-of-the-art high mobility infantry protected vehicles and assault boats.

The equipment/systems have been jointly developed by Army in collaboration with Defence Public Sector Undertakings, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Industry, a Defence Ministry statement said.

Stating that the infrastructural needs of the armed forces are increasing with the constantly changing times, the Minister called for infrastructural development based on latest technology to help the forces remain prepared to deal with future challenges.

Under the F-INSAS, the infantry soldier is being equipped with three primary sub-systems. In addition to the primary weapon system, the soldiers will also be kitted with multi-mode hand grenade which has also been procured indigenously along with multi-purpose knife," the statement said.

On the anti-personnel mine, the statement said the Army has been using vintage NMM 14 mines and with the Armament Research and Development Establishment, Pune, and the Indian industry, a new Indian mine named 'Nipun' has been developed.

Militants shoot dead Pandit in Shopian, injure another

Killing fuels fresh wave of fear among minorities in Valley

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Militants shot dead a Kashmiri Pandit and injured another at an apple orchard in Shopian in south Kashmir on Tuesday, sending shock waves through the minority community in the Valley.

The police said unidentified militants opened fire on the two men busy at work in their orchard in the Chotipora area of Shopian.

Sunil Kumar, who was shot at from a close range, died on the spot, while Pitambar Nath Pandit sustained injuries in the attack. He was shifted to the Army Hospital in Srinagar, where his condition is said to be stable.

In a state of shock, the family members are finding it hard to reconcile with what had happened. They demanded justice as the victim's body was handed over to them. They family had stayed back in the Kashmir Valley in the 1990s, when the majority from the community decided to leave in the face of raging violence.

Life in fear: Wife of slain Kashmiri Pandit, Sunil Kumar, in tears at Chotipora in Shopian on Tuesday. • NISSAR AHMAD

String of attacks

It is for the second time that militants have attacked Kashmiri Pandits in Shopian's Chotipora this year. In April, a Pandit shopkeeper, Sonu Kumar, was shot in his shop and left injured.

"We approached the Deputy Commissioner of Shopian and the Divisional Commissioner to increase security in our area. They did nothing. They are responsible for these killings," Mr. Kumar's brother said.

Kashmir has witnessed a string of attacks on members of the minority community this year. A Pandit government employee, Rahul Bhat, and a school teacher from Jammu, Rajni Bala, were killed earlier this year.

Since the killings, migrant Pandit employees, recruited under the Prime Minister's return and rehabilitation package for the Union Territory, have boycotted offices in the Valley despite their postings "to the secure district headquarters".

Now, a fresh wave of attacks appears to have been launched against non-local workers and members of the minority communities by militants. Two grenade attacks were carried out on Pandits this week in Budgam and Pulwama. Karan Kumar Singh was injured in a grenade attack in the Gopalpora area of Budgam on Monday. A migrant labourer was killed in Bandipora on August 12.

'Leave Valley'

The growing fear among Pandits is palpable. The Kashmiri Pandit Sangarash Samiti (KPSS), an organisation of Kashmiri Pandits who did not leave in the 1990s, said the terrorists seemed to be targeting all Pandits living in the Valley.

"The KPSS requests all the Kashmiri Pandits to leave the Kashmir Valley. With another deadly attack on Kashmiri Pandits in the Kashmir Valley, the terrorists have made it clear they are going to kill all the Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir Valley," KPSS chairman Sanjay Tickoo said.

Mr. Tickoo said the judiciary and the government had failed miserably to protect Kashmiri Pandits.

'Pained beyond words'

Jammu & Kashmir's Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha, who visited the injured person, said, "I am pained beyond words on the despicable terror attack on civilians in Shopian. The attack deserves strongest condemnation from everyone. Terrorists responsible for the barbaric act will not be spared."

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said, "Terribly sorry to hear about the targeted killing in Shopian. The Government of India continues to behave like an ostrich with its head buried deep under the sand. Every resident of J&K has become cannon fodder in Delhi's quest for 'manufactured normalcy'."

"I condemn the attack in Shopian unequivocally," National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah said.

"As per witnesses, a categorised terrorist of Al Badr, Adil Wani from Shopian's Kutpora, was behind the attack. The second [attacker] was an over ground worker," Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) Vijay Kumar told *The Hindu*.

IN BRIEF

Teesta Setalvad's bail hearing on August 22

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear a bail plea by activist Teesta Setalvad, who is accused of fabricating evidence to frame high functionaries of the Gujarat government in a case related to the 2002 riots. It has been listed for August 22.

Amul, Mother Dairy hike milk price by ₹2 per litre

NEW DELHI

Amul and Mother Dairy will increase milk prices by ₹2 per litre with effect from Wednesday on account of rising input costs. In March, both firms had increased milk prices by ₹2 per litre. This price hike will translate into a 4% increase in MRP (Maximum Retail Price). PTI

West Bengal man died of hunger, says rights group

KOLKATA

A 30-year-old tribal man of Bhula Beda village died of hunger in Jhargram district of West Bengal on August 3, a civil rights group claimed on Tuesday. District Magistrate of Jhargram, Sunil Agarwala denied the claims, calling them "baseless" and said death was due to illness, TB and other reasons.

Sonia picks Azad as J&K Cong. campaign chief, he declines

The party had reshuffled its unit in the Union Territory

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday appointed former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad as the party's campaign committee chief in the Union Territory, but he declined the offer.

As part of a comprehensive revamp of the organisation in Jammu and Kashmir, Ms. Gandhi also appointed Vikar Rasool Wani, considered close to Mr. Azad, as the new J&K unit chief.

Mr. Azad was part of the group of 23 leaders, the G-23, which had written to Ms. Gandhi in 2020 seeking large-scale organisational overhaul.

He had led a rebellion against the central leadership heading a clutch of senior leaders who suggested a host of reforms within the party.

Mr. Azad who had served eight terms in the Rajya Sabha did not get renomination when he retired from the Upper House in March this year.

Tuesday's orders are the first step taken by the party to rehabilitate Mr. Azad.

Ghulam Nabi Azad

Raman Bhalla has been named the party's working president in J&K. He replaces Ghulam Ahmad Mir who had tendered his resignation in July after holding the post for eight years.

Ms. Gandhi had accepted Mr. Mir's resignation from the post of president, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee, a party statement said.

Committees formed

The Congress president has appointed president and working president of the J&K unit and also constituted the campaign committee, political affairs committee, coordination committee, manifesto committee, publicity and publication committee, disciplinary committee and pradesh election committee of the Union Territory unit with immediate effect, the statement said.

Mr. Wani, a resident of Banihal township of Jammu region's Ramban district, is a two-time former Legislator who also served as a Minister during the Omar Abdullah-led National Conference-Congress coalition government between 2009-14.

Tariq Hamid Karra will be the vice-chairman of the campaign committee, while G.M. Saroori will be its convenor, according to the statement.

The campaign committee comprises 11 leaders with PCC president and working president as its permanent invitees. Mr. Mir, Tara Chand, Thakur Balwan Singh, T.S. Bajwa, Shabir Khan, Neeraj Kundan, Abdul Majeed Wani and Fairoz Khan are also part of the campaign committee.

Ms. Gandhi also set up a political affairs committee with Mr. Karra as its chairman and it included the likes of Mr. Azad, Mr. Mir and Saifuddin Soz.

(With PTI inputs)

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S. No.	Name of Posts	No. of Vacancy	Department	Walk-in-Interviews (Date, Day and Time)
1.	Senior Executive	01	IT & MIS	24.08.2022 (Wednesday) (10:30 AM to 01:00 PM)
2.	Executive (Communication)	01	Media	24.08.2022 (Wednesday) (02:00 PM to 05:00 PM)
3.	Deputy Manager	01	Sales & Marketing	25.08.2022 (Thursday) (10:30 AM to 12:30 PM)
4.	Senior Marketing Officer	03	Sales & Marketing	25.08.2022 (Thursday) (12:45 PM to 02:00 PM)
5.	Marketing Officer	04	Sales & Marketing	25.08.2022 (Thursday) (02:30 PM to 05:00 PM)

Eligible candidates may appear for Walk-in-Interviews at **Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)** at **E-1, 8th Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Extn., New Delhi - 110055**. For application form, detailed terms and conditions visit at our **website: janaushadhi.gov.in.**

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No.31, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai 600 005. Phone No. 28662016, 28611572.
No. TAMIN/479/2022-P3 **CORRIGENDUM** Dated 16.08.2022
Tender ID No. 2022_TNMIN_241580_1

1.	Bid submission end date (Revised)	23.08.2022 upto 1400 hours
2.	Technical Bid opening date	24.08.2022 at 1600 hours
3.	Financial Bid opening date	Will be intimated later on through TAMIL NADU e-Tender portal
4.	Remarks	Some of the terms and conditions have been modified subsequent on the pre-bid meeting held on 4.8.2022. Revised tender document is published in the e-tender portal.

DIPR/3766/Tender/2021 **GENERAL MANAGER (FINANCE)**

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For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit **website www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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No.:F. /ACE/PHED/Ar.Mahwa/NIT-27 to 31/2022-23/6292-6312 Date 4-8-2022

(e-NIT No.27 to 31/2022-23)

On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan NIT No. 27 to 31/2022-23 online tender is hereby invited from eligible bidders for " work of Conversion of P&T, HP water supply scheme to Piped WSS of village Baragaon, Banwar and Edalpur, Hadoli Nangal Meo and Isarpur, Ratanpura and Sultanpura, Teekri Kilanot Kherli khurd and Kherli Kalan to provide FHTC including one year Defect Liability period and five year O&M under JJM in the Jurisdiction of Sub Div Mahwa Distt. Dausa," as per criteria mentioned in the detailed NIT/tender document available on websites: https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in. Tenders are to be submitted online in electronic format on website https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. as per prescribed schedule.

NIT No.	Particular	Estt. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	UBN No.	Closing Date
27/2022-23	Baragaon Sub Div Mahwa Distt Dausa	244.67	PHE2223WSOB04987	29.08.2022 (6:00 PM)
28/2022-23	Banawar and Edalpur Sub Div Mahwa Distt Dausa	341.01	PHE2223WSOB04988	29.08.2022 (6:00 PM)
29/2022-23	Hadoli Nangal meo and isarpur sub Div Mahwa Distt Dausa	251.69	PHE2223WSOB04989	29.08.2022 (6:00 PM)
30/2022-23	Ratanpura and Sultanpura sub Div Mahwa Distt Dausa	264.98	PHE2223WSOB04990	29.08.2022 (6:00 PM)
31/2022-23	Teekri Kilanot kherli Khurd and kherli kalan sub Div Mahwa Distt Dausa	292.38	PHE2223WSOB04992	29.08.2022 (6:00 PM)

Addl. Chief Engineer
DIPR/C/10412 **PHED, Jaipur Region-I, Jaipur**

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत्त–भरतपुर
क्रमांक : 1732 दिनांक : 4/8/2022

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Notice Inviting Bid No.:- 05/2022-22

Bids for construction of pucca boundary wall 6000 rmt 1.85 mtr height at Range Jawahar Sagar approx Amount 197.00 lacs and 16700 rmt 1.82 mtr height at Range Kolipura approx Amount 561.00 lacs are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM (Time) 31.08.2022 (Date). Other particulars of the Bid may be Visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the State and **http://forest.rajasthan.gov.in**

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(i) FOR2223WLOB00374

Dy. Conservator of Forest (WL)
DIPR/C/10520/2022 **Mukandra National Park, Kota**

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER WATER RESOURCES & CANAL CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE, BANSWARA
No :- SE/Acc/Banswara/2022-23/ Dated :-

Notice Inviting Bid 03/2022-23

Bids for described below are invited from interested bidders upto 6:00 pm (time) 24-08-2022 (date). Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement are as described below in table.

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2	Repair and Maintenance of Canal System of Rawatbor Minor Irrigation Project Block Lasadiya Tehsil Lasadiya District Udaipur	378.93 (Lakh)	WRD2223WSOB01037
3	Renovation and Modernization of Gopalpura Dam and Canal System Block Dhariyawad Tehsil Dhariyawad District Pratapgarh	275.00 (Lakh)	WRD2223WSOB01038
4	Repair, Renovation & Restoration of Wanjana Minor Irrigation Project	353.05 (Lakh)	WRD2223WSOB01039
5	Anicut and Ghat Construction of Kanmol River	400.40 (Lakh)	WRD2223WSOB01040

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DIRECTOR

IN BRIEF

PM hails Vajpayee's efforts to transform India

NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a host of other dignitaries paid tributes to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his fourth death anniversary on Tuesday. Mr. Modi later said in a tweet, "We remain inspired by Atalji's efforts to serve India. He made pioneering efforts to transform India." PTI

Fourth phase of CUET to be held today

Fourth phase of Central University Entrance Test (CUET)-UG 2022 will begin on Wednesday with nearly 3.6 lakh candidates expected to appear for it. The exam for additional 11,000 candidates, who were to appear in fourth phase from August 17-20, has been postponed till August 30 to accommodate their choice of city for centre, officials said. All the phases of the exam will conclude on August 28. PTI

Minor boy among 6 held for raping teenage girl

AURANGABAD

A 17-year-old girl was allegedly raped repeatedly by five men and a minor boy in Aurangabad district, police said on Tuesday. One of the accused allegedly raped the girl, a resident of Kannad, at a farm on Friday, after which the crime came to light, a senior official said. On Saturday, police arrested the five men, in aged 19 to 33 years, and detained the juvenile, he said. PTI

SC to hear Unnao rape survivor's plea next week

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to list next week for hearing a plea of Unnao rape survivor seeking transfer of a criminal case filed by the father of one of the accused in her sexual assault case, from a trial court in Uttar Pradesh to Delhi. Chief Justice N. V. Ramana and Justices J. K. Maheshwari and Hima Kohli took note of the submissions of lawyer Vrinda Grover on urgent hearing of the fresh plea. PTI

Practice of *talaq-e-hasan* not so improper: Supreme Court

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul observes that Muslim women can opt for *khula*

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday *prima facie* observed that the Muslim personal law practice of *talaq-e-hasan* is "not so improper".

Talaq-e-hasan is a form of divorce by which a Muslim man can divorce his wife by pronouncing *talaq* once every month over a three-month period.

A Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said a Muslim woman has the option to divorce by the process of *khula* by returning the dower (*mahr)* or something else that she received from her husband or without returning anything, as agreed by the spouses or *Qadi*'s (court) decree depending on the circumstances.

"*Prima facie* this (*talaq-e-hasan*) is not so improper. Women also have an option. *Khula* is there. *Prima facie* I do not agree with the petitioner. I do not want this to become an agenda for any other reason," Justice Kaul remarked orally.

Concerns aplenty: *Talaq-e-hasan* defies principles of human rights and is not an integral part of Islam, the petion said. • PTI

The court's remarks came while hearing a petition filed by journalist Benazeer Heena, represented by senior advocate Pinky Anand and advocate Ashwani Kumar Dubey.

Petitioner's contention

The petitioner argued that *talaq-e-hasan* and "other forms of unilateral extra judicial *talaq* is an evil plague similar to *sati*".

"*Talaq-e-hasan* is arbitrary, irrational and contrary to Articles 14, 15, 21 and 25 and international conventions on civil rights and human rights," the petition submitted. There should be a "gender neutral, religion neutral, uniform grounds of divorce and uniform procedure of divorce for all citizens", it read.

The petitioner argued that the practice in question was "neither harmonious with the modern principles of human rights and gender equality nor an integral part of Islamic faith".

Ms. Anand said the apex court, while striking down triple *talaq* in the Shayara Bano case, did not address the issue of *talaq-e-hasan*. She said the practice discriminated against Muslim women as they cannot resort to it against their husbands. Ms. Anand said the unilateral practice of divorce was "abominable".

The Bench, however, said the court has granted couples who cannot live with each other divorce on the ground of irretrievable breakdown of marriage. It asked whether the petitioner was willing to explore this option if the issue of *mahr* was taken care of.

The court said the issue under question was not instantaneous triple *talaq* or *talaq-e-biddat*. It repeated that the petitioner could opt for divorce through the *khula* procedure.

"Would the petitioner be willing for a settlement on amounts being paid over and above *mahr* being fixed?" the court asked the petitioner side.

Ms. Anand sought time to get instructions. The court adjourned the case to August 29.

Call for wider coverage of precautionary dose

States told to increase vaccination camps for COVID-19

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, on Tuesday, urged States and Union Territories to accelerate coverage of precaution dose for COVID-19 among population aged 18 years and above, while advising that availability of heterologous precaution dose of Corbevax vaccine be widely publicised.

"Vaccination camps should be organised at public places like bus stands, railway stations, airports, schools/colleges, religious yatra routes, religious places etc., to increase the uptake of precaution dose among the eligible beneficiaries," said the Minister.

States have been advised to ensure that all vaccine doses are utilised on the basis of First Expiry First Out principle to avoid expiry of the vaccines.

"Let us speedily cover all eligible beneficiaries for health services under PMJAY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) by ensuring that remaining beneficiaries are provided PMJAY cards by organising special camps", Dr. Mandaviya urged the States as he reviewed the progress of PMJAY.

To do: Availability of precaution dose of Corbevax to be publicised.

Prime Minister Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) is one of the largest pan-India schemes for strengthening healthcare infrastructure.

'Expedite use of funds'

Expressing concern regarding the lower utilisation of Central funds in some States, the Minister noted that "instead of the Centre reviewing the low funds utilisation, the States ought to enhance their performance and expeditiously seek funds from the Centre for speedy implementation of health schemes".

The Minister added that various flexibilities have been extended to States for timely utilisation of the funds and creation of health infrastructure under the packages/flagship programmes.

Dr. Mandaviya invited the State Health Ministers to share the challenges they face while working towards this goal and sought their suggestions for further facilitating funds utilisation.

The Minister also reviewed the implementation of flagship schemes, including National Health Mission (NHM), various projects under Emergency COVID Response Package (ECRP)-II, Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), 15thFinance Commission (XV FC) grants.

Child mortality has dipped to 35 per 1,000 births: Minister

Govt. launches new app, Paalan 1000, to guide parents

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India has taken rapid strides in reducing child mortality since 2014 from 45 per 1,000 live births to 35 per 1,000 live births in 2019, Union Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar said here on Tuesday.

Dr. Pawar was speaking after the virtual launch of the 'Paalan 1000' National Campaign and Parenting App at the Early Childhood Development Conclave in Mumbai.

'Paalan 1000' focuses on the cognitive development of children in the first two years of their life. The app will provide practical advice to caregivers on what they can do in their everyday routine and will help clear doubts.

The app will give advice to caregivers. • RAGU R

Highlighting the importance of the early phases of a child's life as their impact can last a lifetime, Dr. Pawar said, "A baby's brain development begins during pregnancy and is influenced by the pregnant woman's health, nutrition and environment."

"The first 1,000 days encompasses conception as well as the first two years of a child's life and during this period, the growing child needs the right nutrition, stimulation, love and support. The first 1,000 days establishes a solid platform for a child's physical, mental, emotional, cognitive and social health," she said.

African cheetahs still stuck in transit

Unofficial deadline for translocation missed as administrative hurdles delay work

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

India's ambitious project to translocate African cheetahs has missed an unofficial deadline of August 15, though sources say the wild cats are likely to arrive here within this year.

Though agreements have been signed with both South Africa and Namibia, administrative delays, as well as the presence of leopards in the cheetahs' prospective destination–the Kuno Palpur forest reserve, Madhya Pradesh–are believed to be barriers to their arrival.

India's action plan, a long-term translocation project made public this February–on re-establishing the cheetah that has been extinct since 1952 in India–states that a cohort of around 10-12 young would be imported as a founder stock.

Stumbling block: A cheetah, set to be translocated to India, being medically examined in Namibia. • TWITTER/@INDIAINNAMIBIA

The Indian High Commission in Namibia tweeted pictures on Monday of cheetahs, set to be translocated to India, being medically examined. In the case of South Africa, a memorandum of understanding signed with the government awaited a signature from President Cyril Ramaphosa, said sources.

Many challenges

"To have the cheetahs in time for August 15, to commemorate 75 years of Independence, was the government's hope but there are administrative challenges to such an exercise. The animals are expected to be here soon and it would still be among the fastest such translocations anywhere in the world," a highly placed official told *The Hindu*. Once the cheetahs arrive, they are expected to be housed in 'predator-proof' enclosures.

However, the current enclosures have five leopards only two of whom have been translocated. "Without the complete translocation of all leopards, the cheetah cannot be introduced as they will compete for the available prey base of sambar and chital," another official told *The Hindu*.

Super Vasuki's maiden trial a hit

The 3.5-km-long train can carry over 27,000 tonnes of coal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Railways conducted a test run of its longest freight train, Super Vasuki, with 295 loaded wagons carrying over 27,000 tonnes of coal, on August 15, as part of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* celebrations.

The 3.5-km-long freight train covered the distance of about 267 km between Korba in Chhattisgarh and Rajnandgaon in Nagpur, and was run by the South East Central Railway (SECR).

This is the longest and heaviest freight train ever run by the Railways, the national transporter said, adding that the train takes about four minutes to cross a station.

The amount of coal carried by Super Vasuki is enough to fire 3,000 MW of power plant for one full day, officials said. This is three times the capacity of existing railway rakes (90 cars with 100 tonnes in each) that carry about 9,000 tonnes of coal in one journey.

The Railways plans to use this arrangement (longer freight trains) more frequently, especially to transport coal in peak demand season to prevent fuel shortages of power stations, the officials said.

Cong. seeks fair probe into Dalit boy's death

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

A battery of political leaders arrived in Jalore district's Surana village on Tuesday to meet the family of nine-year-old Dalit boy Inder Meghwal, who died on August 13 after an alleged assault by a teacher in his school. The leaders expressed condolences and affirmed that the atrocities against Dalits should be stopped forthwith.

Congress leader Sachin Pilot with the boy's family.

Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee president Govind Singh Dotasra announced a financial assistance of ₹20 lakh to the family on behalf of the party. Mr. Dotasra assured the villagers that the guilty would be punished after a "fair and unbiased" investigation.

Senior Congress leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot, who met Inder's father Deva Ram and other family members, said there should be "zero tolerance" for the crimes against Dalits and the State government should take steps to win the trust of Dalit communities. "A strong message should be sent that no crime against Dalits will go unpunished," Mr. Pilot said.

In an apparent reference to the remarks made by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Mr. Pilot said it was irrelevant to say that atrocities against Dalits were taking place in all States. "We must take a resolve that no persecution of Dalits will be allowed anywhere," he said.

Dalit groups staged demonstrations and took out candle marches in several cities, including Jaipur, Jodhpur and Dausa, in protest against the incident.

BJP MLA Jogeshwar Garg said the investigation should reveal if the boy was actually beaten up for drinking from the earthen pot kept for teachers. He said the caste angle of the alleged crime should be clarified.

THE HINDU CROSSWORD + 13637

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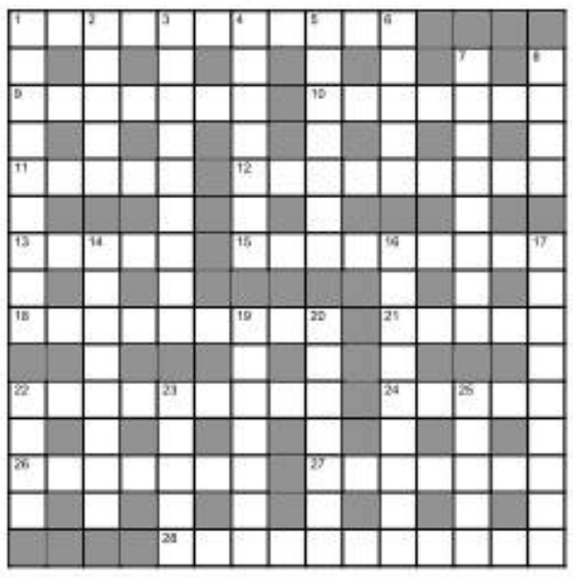

Across

1 Right take (11)
9 Say, Nigerian is fair, can get troubled (7)
10 Dogs in parades cross a ditch in the corner (7)
11 Article on setter's text (5)
12 Plucked and gave after she essentially asked roses to begin with (9)
13 Show time on flat (5)
15 Report on countrypeople and township (9)
18 Repeal controversial entrance exam on time, ruthless, heartless on youngsters perhaps (9)
21 Taking the first shuttle, engineer neared Salem, Erode with purpose (5)
22 Part of daily work? Be with hero essentially (9)
24 Name, Place, Animal, Thing (5)
26 Senior first officer's new wear (7)
27 I enter to expel first officer (26), rearrange as its more vocal (7)
28 Maybe dead people live in this country (11)

Down

1 Average people take time to visit a tenant primarily or flat (9)
2 Money, as I heard is yours, left behind piano sweetheart (5)
3 Golden red string in half, a band (9)
4 Farms managed by revolutionary society (7)
5 Gangster escaped from this country to another (7)
6 Kill time, take rest essentially in retrospect (5)
7 Yes, you heard it. That's the direction (8)
8 Roughly 67% of the stimulated had taken drugs (4)
14 Lover ate porridge in the lift (8)
16 Dispatched to construct aisle outside. It is required (9)
17 Banks cashier – one who loves... (9)
19 ....is gone long ago with money, caught later (7)
20 Remarkable variety provided by small timer primarily (7)
22 About to cut and bite (4)
23 A story on Napoleon – that's French to English (5)
25 French one on essentially honey moon earlier to marriage (5)

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Solution to puzzle 13636

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Invaluable gift to all

The Lord's excellence is always extolled by realised souls. Parikshit is wonderstruck by the untiring recitation of the Bhagavata Purana by Suka, who is the greatest of devotees. So too, Suka is highly impressed by Parikshit's eagerness to listen to the stories of the Lord. Both have no thought of hunger or thirst when engaged thus, since the nectar of Bhagavata Katha flowing from Suka's rendering is imbibed by Parikshit, and this keeps both of them totally contented.

An important truth about the relevance of punya karma is explicit here, pointed out Sri Krishna Premi Swamigal in a discourse. Listening to the Bhagavata Purana itself is accepted as a form of worship of the Lord in this context, though of course, the purana talks of the phala sruti to be gained by listening to the episodes in it. This is emphasised keeping in mind the majority who are struggling in samsara and seek relief for their various needs and desires.

But both Suka and Parikshit have no goal except to take delight in the various narratives involving the Lord's incarnations and exploits. Parikshit says that only those who have no good deeds to their credit will not be enthusiastic to listen to His narratives. The Mumukshu who desires moksha, the muktas, the liberated souls, and the realised souls, the jnanis, all long to contemplate on the Lord's innumerable auspicious qualities that are revealed in His avatars.

Though the Vedas proclaim that the Supreme Brahman is "beyond human thought and speech", 'yatha vacho nivartanthe,' still, He is realised by pure souls in their inner being. So, to enable the less realised jivatmas to know the Truth of the saying, 'He who is birthless is born and takes many forms', these stories are very necessary. Posterity is thus blessed with this invaluable gift.

China unveils plans to boost birth rate

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BEIJING

China on Tuesday announced a slew of perks aimed at encouraging families to have more babies, as birth rates hit a record low and officials warned that the population will start to shrink by 2025.

The policy guidelines issued by the National Health Commission Tuesday urge both the central and provincial governments to increase spending on reproductive health and improve childcare services nationwide.

They require local governments to "implement active fertility support measures", including offering subsidies, tax rebates, and better health insurance, as well as education, housing and employment support for young families.

All provinces must also ensure they provide enough nurseries for children aged two to three by the end of the year.

China sets sanctions on Taiwan figures

Restrictions came a day after Beijing announced more drills in the seas and skies around the island

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BEIJING

China imposed visa bans and other sanctions on Tuesday on Taiwanese political figures as it raises pressure on the self-governing island and the U.S. in response to successive congressional visits.

The sanctions come a day after China announced more military exercises in the seas and skies surrounding Taiwan because of what it called "collusion and provocation between the U.S. and Taiwan." There's been no word on the timing and scale of the Chinese exercises.

They were announced the same day a U.S. congressional delegation met with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, and after a similar visit by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the highest-level member of the U.S. government to visit Taiwan in 25 years. The Chinese government objects to Taiwan having any official contact with foreign governments because it considers Taiwan its own territory, and its recent sabre-rattling has emphasised its threat to take the island by military force.

Birth of a crisis: Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen, right, during a meeting with the U.S. delegation in Taipei on Monday. • AP

Ms. Pelosi's visit was followed by nearly two weeks of threatening Chinese military exercises that included the firing of missiles over the island and incursions by navy ships and warplanes across the midline of the Taiwan Strait that has long been a buffer between the sides.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesperson Ned Price told reporters that China had overreacted with its "provocative and totally unnecessary response to the congressional delegation that visited Taiwan earlier this month".

The targets of China's latest sanctions include Taiwan's *de facto* Ambassador to the U.S., Bi-khim Hsiao, and legislators Ker Chien-ming, Koo Li-hsiung, Tsai Chi-chang, Chen Jiau-hua and Wang Ting-yu, along with activist Lin Fei-fan.

They will be barred from travelling to mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao, and from having any financial or personal connections with people and entities on the mainland, according to the ruling Communist Party's Taiwan Work Office.

'Diehard elements'

The measures were designed to "resolutely punish" those considered "diehard elements" supporting Taiwan's independence, China's official *Xinhua* News Agency said. Premier Su Tseng-chang, leader of the legislature You Si-kun and Foreign Minister Joseph Wu were already on China's sanctions list and will face more restrictions, *Xinhua* said.

China exercises no legal authority over Taiwan and it's unclear what effect the sanctions would have. China has refused all contact with Taiwan's government since shortly after the 2016 election of Ms. Tsai, who was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2020.

Taiwan's Foreign Ministry tweeted its appreciation for the most recent congressional visit, adding that "Authoritarian #China can't dictate how democratic #Taiwan makes friends, wins support, stays resilient & shines like a beacon of freedom."

Ms. Tsai's pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party also controls the legislature, and the vast majority of Taiwanese favour maintaining the status quo of *de facto* independence amid strong economic and social connections between the sides.

Taiwan has put its military on alert, but has taken no major countermeasures against the Chinese actions. That has been reflected in overriding calm and ambivalence among the public.

Sabotage blamed for Crimea blast

Military storage facility was damaged

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

Russia's Defence Ministry said on Tuesday that a fire that set off explosions at a munitions depot in Moscow-annexed Crimea was caused by an act of "sabotage".

"On the morning of August 16, as a result of an act of sabotage, a military storage facility near the village of Dzhankoi was damaged," the Ministry said in a statement carried by Russian news agencies.

"Damage was caused to a number of civilian facilities, including power lines, a power plant, a railway track as well as a number of residential buildings. There were no serious injuries," it added. In an earlier statement, the Ministry said a fire erupted around 6:15 a.m. local time at a temporary military storage site near the village of Mayskoye in the Dzhankoi district, causing ammunition to detonate. Images posted on social media showed huge fireballs erupting at the site and clouds of black smoke billowing into the air.

Workers fixing an electricity transmission line in Crimea on Tuesday. • REUTERS

On August 9, Moscow said ammunition had detonated at a military airfield in Crimea, killing one person and wounding several more. It indicated that the airfield was not targeted by Ukrainian forces but experts said satellite imagery pointed to a likely attack.

Taliban add more compulsory religion classes to universities

Five more religious subjects to be added to existing eight

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KABUL

Afghan university students will have to attend more compulsory Islamic studies classes, education officials said on Tuesday while giving little sign that secondary schools for girls would reopen.

Many conservative Afghan clerics in the hardline Islamist Taliban, which swept back into power a year ago, are sceptical of modern education.

"We are adding five more religious subjects to the existing eight," said Abdul Baqi Haqqani, Minister for Higher Education, including Islamic history, politics and governance. The number of compulsory religious classes will increase from one to three a week in government universities.

There is little sign that secondary schools for girls would reopen. • GETTY IMAGES

He told a news conference that the Taliban would not order any subjects to be dropped from the current curriculum. However, some universities have altered studies on music and sculpture while an exodus of Afghanistan's educated elite, including professors, has seen many subjects discontinued.

Officials have for months insisted that schools will reopen for girls, swaying between technical and financial issues as reasons for the continued closures.

Abdulkhaliq Sadiq, a senior official at the Education Ministry, on Tuesday said families in rural areas were still not convinced of the need to send girls to secondary school.

"We are trying to come up with a sound policy in coordination with our leaders... so that those in rural areas are also convinced," he said.

China's missiles should be contested: U.S. General

'It'll be a norm if we don't challenge it'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SINGAPORE

China's recent decision to fire missiles over Taiwan is a "gorilla in the room" that has to be contested, a top U.S. military commander said on Tuesday.

Beijing has carried out huge air and sea drills this month around Taiwan in a furious reaction to visits by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and a congressional delegation.

Those exercises included firing multiple ballistic missiles into waters off Taiwan.

'Gorilla in the room'

"It's very important that we contest this type of thing. I know that the gorilla in the room is launching missiles over Taiwan," Seventh Fleet Commander Vice Admiral Karl Thomas told reporters in Singapore.

"If we just allow that to happen, and we don't contest that, that'll be the next norm," he added.

The Seventh Fleet is based in Japan and is a core part of Washington's navy presence in the Pacific.

During this month's drills, Chinese state media reported that some of the ballistic missiles fired by the People's Liberation Army followed a trajectory directly over Taiwan's capital Taipei.

Vice Admiral. Thomas compared the threats against Taiwan to the South China Sea where Beijing has spent years constructing military bases on a series of contested atolls, while denying it was doing just that.

U.S. needs conflicts to retain global hegemony, says Putin

Russian leader cites American support to Ukraine, Taiwan

ASSOCIATED PRESS
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin accused the United States of trying to encourage extended hostilities in Ukraine as part of what he described on Tuesday as Washington's alleged efforts to maintain its global hegemony.

Addressing a security conference attended by military officials from Africa, Asia and Latin America, Mr. Putin reaffirmed his long-held claim that he sent troops into Ukraine in response to Washington turning the country into an "anti-Russia" bulwark.

"They need conflicts to retain their hegemony," Mr. Putin charged.

"That's why they have turned the Ukrainian people into cannon fodder. The situation in Ukraine shows that the United States is trying to drag the conflict out," he added.

Mr. Putin also drew parallels between the U.S. backing Ukraine and a recent visit to Taiwan by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, charging that both were part of an alleged American attempt to foment global instability.

Kenya's Odinga vows to pursue 'legal options' over defeat

A five-time candidate, he vows to contest the results of the presidential polls he was touted to win

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NAIROBI

Kenya's defeated presidential candidate Raila Odinga vowed on Tuesday to pursue "all constitutional and legal options" after rejecting the outcome of elections that awarded victory to his rival William Ruto.

The 77-year-old veteran politician branded the result of the August 9 race a "travesty" but stopped short of explicitly announcing that he would mount a challenge at the Supreme Court.

"I do not want to fully address our strategies going forward but... we will be pursuing all constitutional and legal options available to us," Mr. Odinga said.

Mr. Odinga narrowly lost his fifth bid for the top job to Deputy President Ruto.

Poll body divided

Subsequently, divisions emerged in the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), which issued the results.

Mr. Odinga lost by around 2,30,000 votes despite the weight of the ruling party machinery behind him.

Four of the IEBC's seven commissioners disowned the results.

Vice chair Julia Cherera said at a press conference on Tuesday that the aggregated percentages of the votes for the four presidential candidates was 100.01% – a "mathematical absurdity".

Analysts however said the discrepancy could be explained by rounding up the percentages.

Zaynab Mohamed, political analyst at Oxford Economics, said Mr. Odinga lost despite the odds being stacked in his favour. "He essentially had all the support he needed to secure a victory, except that of majority of the people," she added.

Sri Lanka to end state of emergency, says President

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka will not extend a state of emergency imposed to control anti-government protests as the situation in the impoverished nation has "stabilised", the President's office said Tuesday.

Ranil Wickremesinghe invoked the tough laws four days after his predecessor fled the country and resigned on July 14 after months of protests over acute shortages of food, fuel and medicines.

The emergency imposed by Mr. Wickremesinghe is due to lapse on Thursday and he has the power to renew it every month thereafter.

"The situation has stabilised, there is no need to reimpose the state of emergency," Mr. Wickremesinghe's office said. The emergency allows troops to arrest and detain suspects for long periods.

EU says mulling Iran response to 'final' nuclear text

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TEHRAN

The European Union said on Tuesday it was studying Iran's response to a "final" draft agreement on reviving a 2015 nuclear accord with major powers it presented at talks in Vienna.

The United States had already said on Monday that it was informing EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell of its response to the text he submitted on August 8.

The possibility of a deal which might lead to the lifting of U.S. sanctions on Iran's oil output of 2.5 million barrels per day has already helped trigger a fall in prices on world markets, with U.S. oil futures dropping nearly 3% to finish below $90 a barrel.

A spokesperson for Mr. Borrell – who coordinated talks to bring Iran and the U.S. back into the deal – said the Iranian response was received late on Monday.

"We are studying it and are consulting with the other JCPOA participants and the U.S. on the way ahead," the spokesperson said.

Iran's official *IRNA* news agency reported earlier on Tuesday that "an agreement will be concluded if the United States reacts with realism and flexibility" to Iran's response.

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	16-08-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,842	0.64
Gold	52,347	-1.07
Brent oil	92.73	–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	824.15	35.80
Apollo Hosp	4349.40	36.65
Asian Paints	3501.00	73.15
Axis Bank	764.65	4.10
Bajaj Auto	4091.15	53.15
Bajaj Finserv	15915.75	150.30
Bajaj Finance	7286.10	-23.30
Bharti Airtel	704.10	-5.60
BPCL	345.90	12.00
Britannia Ind	3690.45	30.70
Cipla	1034.55	7.40
Coal India	222.90	1.25
Divis Lab	3732.00	5.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4297.80	37.00
Eicher Motors	3338.05	127.90
Grasim Ind	1591.55	-31.05
HCL Tech	958.20	1.80
HDFC	2484.15	27.75
HDFC Bank	1502.15	17.00
HDFC Life	570.60	25.65
Hero MotoCorp	2817.00	55.10
Hindalco	428.90	-7.35
Hind Unilever	2644.50	49.55
ICICI Bank	879.25	4.85
IndusInd Bank	1084.45	4.00
Infosys	1596.45	2.35
ITC	310.55	2.00
JSW Steel	673.85	-4.35
Kotak Bank	1846.35	5.15
L&T	1848.90	2.45
M&M	1288.30	28.85
Maruti Suzuki	9003.70	104.50
Nestle India Ltd.	19682.95	139.70
NTPC	158.75	0.25
ONGC	139.95	0.75
PowerGrid Corp	228.85	0.80
Reliance Ind	2651.30	18.30
SBI Life	1309.60	23.05
State Bank	525.95	-4.75
Shree Cement	21440.55	288.35
Sun Pharma	914.60	1.15
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	779.50	16.05
Tata Motors	489.85	12.30
Tata Steel	113.00	0.35
TCS	3392.70	-8.85
Tech Mahindra	1077.70	11.80
Titan	2493.85	21.90
UltraTech Cement	6656.00	96.70
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July wholesale inflation slows to 13.9%

WPI-based inflation eases below 14% for the first time since February; diesel inflation zooms to 72.4%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Wholesale price inflation moderated to a five-month low of 13.93% in July from 15.18% in June, driven by a lower pace of price gains in primary products, food items and manufactured products, even though fuel and power inflation resurged to 43.75% last month, from June's 40.38%.

While this was the 16th month in a row that wholesale inflation was above 10%, the reading marked the first dip below 14%-plus levels since February. The Commerce and Industry Ministry also revised May's inflation upwards to a fresh high of 16.63%, from the earlier estimated record of 15.88%.

Stubbornly high: This is the 16th straight month WPI inflation has been above 10%. • SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Despite the paring of the headline inflation rate, the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) dropped only 0.13% on a month-on-month basis between June and July, as fuel and power inflation jumped 6.56% sequentially, offsetting the moderation in other categories. Within fuel and power, diesel inflation soared again to hit 72.4%, from a four-month low of 54.9% in June. Petrol moderated marginally from 57.8% to 55.3%. The pace of price rise in LPG eased to 32% from 53.2% in June.

"Inflation in July, 2022 is primarily contributed by rise in prices of mineral oils, food articles, crude petroleum & natural gas, basic metals, electricity, chemicals & chemical products, food products etc. as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year," noted the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade in the Commerce Ministry.

Pace slows for food items

The pace of wholesale price rise in food items dropped from 12.41% in June to 9.41% in July. This was led by a sharp drop in vegetable inflation to 18.25%, the lowest rate in at least six months, and less than a third of the 56.75% recorded in June.

Inflation in milk dropped to a four-month low of 5.45%, while eggs, meat and fish prices rose at the slowest pace in three months at 5.55%. However, cereals (9.76%), potato (53.5%), fruits (29.44%) and paddy (3.1%) hit their highest level of inflation in at least six months. Wheat inflation hit a four-month high of 13.61%, from 10.34% in June. Manufactured products saw a broad-based dip in price rise to 8.16%, from 9.19% in July.

"The easing of wholesale inflation is primarily led by lower food, metals and chemical prices," said CARE Ratings chief economist Rajani Sinha. "If not for a sharp sequential rise in mineral oil prices and hike in electricity tariff, the fall would have been sharper," she added.

"We see a likelihood of the first single-digit WPI inflation print by October 2022, after a gap of 18 months, if the downtrend in commodity prices sustains," credit ratings firm ICRA said in a note.

Fuel demand continues to fall amid monsoon

Diesel use slides in first half of August

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Diesel demand in India fell for the second month in a row as the progress of monsoon rains chipped away at consumption in key sectors like agriculture, preliminary industry data showed.

Petrol and diesel demand had fallen month-on-month in July. While petrol consumption is almost flat in the first half of August, diesel – the most widely used fuel in the country – saw demand drop 11.2% during August 1-15 to 2.82 million tonnes from 3.17 million tonnes in the same period of the previous month.

The arrival and intensity of monsoon weigh heavily on diesel demand in the country and consumption traditionally is lower in July-September than in April-June. Monsoon restricts mobility and demand from the farm sector, which uses diesel in irrigation pumps and trucking, also drops with the onset of rains.

"Monsoon months traditionally are low-consumption months but overall oil demand will continue on its growth trajectory during the rest of the year," an industry official said.

Inflation expected to stabilise by Sept. end, says SBI's Khara

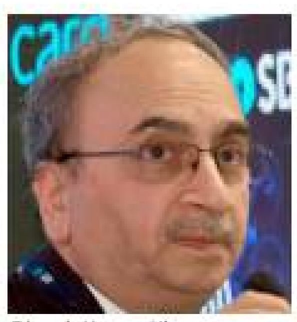
'Rates moving to next level but not to impact home market'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Inflation may stablise as things are expected to look good by the end of September, according to SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara.

Inflation had eased to 6.71% in July and going forward, although supply-side constraints were still there, they were getting addressed, and therefore, the situation was improving, Mr. Khara told the media here.

"The falling crude oil prices will also play a key role in bringing inflation down and overall, the inflationary scene in the country will look better by the end of September," he added.



Dinesh Kumar Khara

He said interest rates were moving to the next level; however, it would not have any significant impact on the home markets.

Mr. Khara was in the city in connection with the opening of SBI's first exclusive branch for start-ups in Karnataka. The bank has plans to open start-up branches across the country.

Funding via debt

Commenting on the start-up funding scenario, the SBI Chairman said some 50% of the start-ups in the country were supported through equity funding today while the share of debt could grow now on through SBI's dedicated branches for start-ups.

"Some start-ups have reached out to us as they had no source of funds. We thought we could fund and save them from sharing their equities. We have already invested in over 100 such start-ups," he added.

India buys petcoke from Venezuela

REUTERS
CHENNAI/HOUSTON

Indian companies are importing significant volumes of petroleum coke from Venezuela for the first time, trade sources and shipping data show, as the OPEC nation boosts exports not specifically targeted by U.S. sanctions.

India's growing appetite for Venezuela's petcoke is being driven by a scramble for inexpensive fuel to power industries as global coal prices have surged.

Indian cement firms imported at least four cargoes carrying 1,60,000 tonnes of petcoke from April to July, according to three trade sources, Refinitiv ship-tracking data and Venezuelan shipping schedules.

'China to boost demand, speed up infrastructure'

'Aim is sustained economic recovery'

REUTERS
BEIJING

China will boost economic demand in a strong, reasonable and moderate manner and accelerate infrastructure construction in the third quarter of the year, officials from the state planner said on Tuesday.

The comments came after bleak data for July, which showed the world's second-biggest economy unexpectedly slowed and property investment falling at the fastest clip this year.

"China will optimise policies for sustained economic recovery, macro policies should expand demand actively in a strong, reasonable and moderate manner," Yuan Da, a spokesperson at the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), told a news conference.

NDRC in July approved eight fixed-asset investment projects worth 236.8 billion yuan ($34.89 billion).

As of July 31, China had issued most of the 3.45 trillion yuan in special bonds earmarked for infrastructure, Luo Guosan, an official at the NDRC said.

Adani unit to buy ICD Tumb for ₹835 crore

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NEW DELHI

Adani Logistics, a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd., on Tuesday said it had signed a definitive agreement to acquire ICD Tumb from Navkar Corporation for ₹835 crore.

The deal comprises the acquisition of the operational inland container depot (ICD) with 0.5 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) capacity, the firm said in a statement.

An associated parcel of 129 acres provides an additional expansion path to increase capacity, as more industrial corridors and logistics parks get added along Dedicated Freight Corridor routes, it noted.

IN BRIEF

GE Healthcare allies with Boston Scientific in India

BENGALURU

GE Healthcare has entered into a collaboration with Boston Scientific, a medical device manufacturer, to introduce end-to-end interventional cardiac care solutions in India. The collaboration is intended to improve heart care for patients, thereby addressing the disease burden prevailing in the country, GE Healthcare said in a statement.

Insurer Go Digit files draft IPO prospectus

NEW DELHI

Go Digit General Insurance Ltd., backed by Canada-based Fairfax Group, has filed preliminary papers with SEBI to garner funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The IPO comprises fresh issuance of equity shares worth ₹1,250 crore and an offer-for-sale of 10,94,45,561 equity shares by a promoter and existing shareholders, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP). PTI

Shriram auction sees ₹100 cr. of transactions

CHENNAI

Shriram Automall India Ltd. (SAMIL), a marketplace for pre-owned vehicles and equipment, transacted business worth ₹100 crore at the SAMIL Freedom Auction on August 13 at 100 locations across the country. "We sold more than 3,300 inventories worth about ₹100 crore, where more than 15,000 customers from 500 cities came to participate," said CEO Sameer Malhotra.

'Corporate sector to give 10% pay raise in 2023'

MUMBAI

Companies in India are expected to give a salary raise of 10% in 2023 as they struggle with rising attrition in a tight labour market, according to a report. Willis Towers Watson's Salary Budget Planning report showed that firms in India were budgeting an overall increase of 10% for 2022-23, compared with 9.5% growth in the previous year. PTI

Tata-funded start-up to offer seniors support

MUMBAI

Ratan Tata funded start-up Goodfellows, which provides companionship to seniors through young graduates, was officially unveiled on Tuesday in his presence. He highlighted the need for such a service for senior citizens staying alone. The chairman emeritus of Tata Sons said, "The bonds between the two generations created by Goodfellows are helping address an important social issue in India."

Ikea operator Ingka to invest €900 million

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GURUGRAM

Ingka Centres, part of Ikea's retail operator Ingka Group, on Tuesday said it would invest €900 million in India to set up two centres for business, meetings and shopping in the next few years.

According to a top company official, Ingka Group on Tuesday started construction work on its first 'Ingka Centre' with an investment of €400 million.

"We have a plan to invest €400 million here at Gurugram," Ingka Centres Global Expansion and Development Director Jan Kristensson told PTI here.

"We have another project that we are planning to bring in to Noida. The (investment) plan in these new projects is €900 million," he added.

'CUMI acquisitions on track to log break-even'

Performed well in terms of top-line: MD

N. ANAND
CHENNAI

Carborundum Universal Ltd.'s three new acquisitions are on track to achieve break-even by FY23 and FY24, Managing Director N. Ananthaseshan said.

"All major overseas subsidiaries have performed well on top-line and also, the newly acquired subsidiaries have contributed an additional sales of ₹181 crore during the quarter," he told analysts during an earnings call.

In February, CUMI acquired two German firms – Rhodius Abrasives at an enterprise value of €55 million and Awuko Abrasives from an insolvency administrator for €8 million. It also bought Pluss Advanced Technologies for ₹115 crore.

Rhodius is supported by Rhodius Holdings in terms of common financial and IT leadership across their various businesses, Director Finance and Strategy Sridharan Rangarajan said.

N. Ananthaseshan

"These resources will be available till December. The progress, so far, has been very good," he said.

"All of them are on track as expected," he added.

"We need to give some time to make sure that we stabilise their operations well, and then we will start reaping the benefits."

'Housing prices rise 5% on demand, input costs'

Delhi-NCR sees 10% increase: report

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A resurgence in residential demand and an increase in construction material costs has led to a 5% rise in housing prices across top eight cities in the April-June quarter, with the national capital region witnessing the highest increase at 10%, according to a new report.

The cities are Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Kolkata, Pune, Hyderabad, Chennai, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad.

The realtors' industry body Credai, real estate consultant Colliers India and data analytics firm Liases Foras added in their report that residential prices, which have surpassed pre-pandemic levels, have been seeing an upward trend led by rising demand amid increasing prices of construction materials.

Delhi-NCR saw the highest rise in residential prices at 10% year-on-year with an average carpet price of ₹7,434/sq. ft. "We may see a marginal dip in demand due to increasing interest rates, but I am confident that the sales will continue to grow across segments from September, as we enter the festive season," said Harsh Vardhan Patodia, National President of Credai.

French BPO to add 20,000 jobs in India

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

France-based Teleperformance said it would hire 20,000 people in India over 18 months.

The company, which is in the global customer support space currently employing 80,000 across 70 cities in India, said it would hire a large chunk of people from tier 3 cities where they can work from home or from anywhere. It would also focus on hiring people from the LGBTQ community and promote more women to leadership roles, its India CEO said.

The firm recently appointed Anish Mukker as CEO for India, whose focus would be on high-growth revenue strategies and further expand the company's nationwide footprint.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the schedule property mentioned below from its owners Mr.IFZAL AHMED, S/o.Mr.Nasarulla Shareiff and Mrs.AASIA HAROON, W/o.Mr.Ifzal Ahmed, both are residing Apartment No.301, Golden Arch, No.10, Oshaughnessy Road, Richmond Town, Bangalore- 560025, All persons having any claim, objections, right, title or interest in respect of the schedule property or the transaction may file his / her / their objections in writing with documentary evidence to the under signed within 7 days from the date of Publication of this notice, failing which it will be deemed as no claims and my client will proceed to complete the proposed sale transaction.

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CORRIGENDUM - II
Notification – 25/2021-22
"Invitation of Bid for grant of Mining Lease for Ghatkuri Iron Ore Block-I"

With reference to advertised under PR No. 265637 Mines and Geology 21-22(D) regarding invitation of Bid for grant of Mining Lease following modification has been made:-

Block	Concession Area Ha.	Resource (Million Tonnes)	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	Date of Opening of Tender
GHATKURI IRON ORE BLOCK - I	149.73	202.397	12.04.2022	05.09.2022	07.09.2022

● Other Terms and Conditions remains same.

Sd/-
(Vijay Kumar Ojha)
Director Geology

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI
No: EE/PWD/DIV/KLB/TS3/Tender Notification/2022-23/3144 Dated: 12.08.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender (KW-4) for 5054 Appendix-E works of Improvements to Road from Ring Road Ramji Nagar to Roza Police Station in Kalaburagi City under 5054 Appendix-E SH Improvements for the year 2022-23 KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT155357 tenders are called through e-procurement for the year 2022-23, 2) Estimated Cost : **Estimate cost Rs. 254.09 Lakhs**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : PWD, Registered Class-I Contractors, 4) Tender fees and EMD details: Application Fees as per e-procurement EMD Rs. 3,81,000.00, 5) Pre Bid Meeting: **23/08/2022 upto 11.00 Hrs.** 6) Last date for queries: **24/08/2022 upto 17.30 Hrs,** 7) Last date for submission of tender : **25/08/2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.,** 8) Date of opening of Technical Bid: **26/08/2022 at 16:30 Hrs.** 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid : **29/08/2022 at 16.30 Hrs** 10) Enquiries : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) website : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD Division Kalaburagi

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FIFA bans AIFF for third party influence

India loses right to host Women's U17 World Cup scheduled from October 11

FOOTBALL

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NEW DELHI

In a massive setback for the country, world football governing body FIFA on Tuesday suspended the All India Football Federation (AIFF) for "undue influence from third parties" and said the U-17 Women's World Cup "cannot currently be held in India as planned." The country was scheduled to host the FIFA tournament from October 11-30.

This is the first time the AIFF has been banned by FIFA in its 85-year history, with the apex body saying there have been "flagrant violations of the FIFA Statutes".

"The Bureau of the FIFA Council has unanimously decided to suspend the All India Football Federation (AIFF) with immediate effect due to undue influence from third parties, which constitutes a serious violation of the FIFA Statutes," the FIFA said in a statement.

"The suspension will be lifted once an order to set up a committee of administrators to assume the powers of the AIFF Executive Committee has been repealed and the AIFF administration regains full control of the AIFF's daily affairs."

"The suspension means that the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022, scheduled to take place in India on 11-30 October 2022, cannot currently be held in India as planned. FIFA is assessing the next steps with regard to the tournament and will refer the matter to the Bureau of the Council if and when necessary."

In the wake of the latest development, the Centre sought an urgent hearing in the Supreme Court on the AIFF matter.

A bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and A.S. Bopanna was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, that "important development" has taken place and FIFA has sent a letter suspending India which is in public domain and needs to be brought on record.

This was after a four-member FIFA delegation held a meeting with senior sports ministry officials and the CoA on Friday and Monday, respectively.

"Till last evening it seemed consensus has been reached between all the parties but last night FIFA just informed us that they will have to ban AIFF as per its internal committee decision," an official in the Sports Ministry said. A ban on India has been on the cards since the Supreme Court removed Praful Patel as AIFF president on May 18.

What is this third party interference?

The Supreme Court relieved Praful Patel and his executive committee from their responsibilities and appointed a CoA to oversee AIFF's the functioning on May 18, 2022. Patel had completed his three terms and 12 years as AIFF president in December 2020, but the polls could not take place because of pending cases in the SC regarding its constitution.

- FIFA sees the court-appointed CoA having a say in the running of Indian football as third party interference
- The world body says it's "not a prudent idea" to have equal number of eminent players alongside the State association representatives in the electoral college
- The draft constitution submitted by the CoA to the Supreme Court states the electoral college will have representatives from 36 State associations and 36 eminent football players — 24 male and 12 female
- The world body is okay with the executive committee having 25 per cent former players as co-opted members

What does FIFA ban mean for Indian football?

- During the course of the suspension, any domestic tournaments being conducted will not be recognised by either the AFC or FIFA
- The National teams will not be allowed to participate in any international tournaments
- Gokulam Kerala FC cannot participate in the AFC Women's Club Championship next week
- Senior National team cannot participate in the SAFF Women's Championship next month
- ATK Mohun Bagan's AFC Cup fixture on September 7 is also doubtful

Anguished reactions to suspension

Right time to set the house in order, says Bhaichung

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

The suspension of All India Football Federation by the world governing body of the sport, FIFA, has strongly hit ATK Mohun Bagan, which was scheduled to play the inter-zonal semifinals of the AFC Cup in the first week of September.

Reacting to the situation, the secretary of the Mohun Bagan Club, Debasish Dutta, implicated the former committee of the AIFF for bringing the situation to its current state.

"It is a black day for Indian football and those who are responsible for bringing the sport in disrepute should be penalized. The previous committee in power in AIFF did not conduct the elections in time because they just wanted to cling to power," Dutta said.

"It is not only about ATK Mohun Bagan missing the opportunity of doing well in the AFC Cup but it is also about Indian football suffering the disgrace of being suspended," Dutta said.

The previous committee under the presidency of Praful Patel completed its term in December 2020, but remained in office on an interim basis for almost 17 months before being removed by the Supreme Court in May 2022.

Bhaichung Bhutia. •FILE PHOTO: STAN RAYAN

Holding out hope

"As far I can remember, the CoA appointed by the Supreme Court to formalise the new constitution did submit the fully drafted constitution in January 2020 but the AIFF committee did not make any move to adopt the new constitution and simply sought extension when its term was coming to an end in December 2020," Dutta said. "The Supreme Court will be hearing the matter tomorrow (August 17) and we hope that it will do something to restore order," he added.

The same fate has befallen the under-17 women's World Cup, which was supposed to be held in October this year. The FIFA letter announcing the suspension of AIFF clearly mentions that the "FIFA under-17 Women's World Cup scheduled to take place in India on 11-30 October 2022 cannot be held as planned and that the resulting next steps will continue to be assessed and referred to the Bureau of the Council if and when necessary."

The former Indian captain and one of the biggest icons of the sport, Bhaichung Bhutia, said that the suspension provides an opportunity to Indian football to get its house in order.

"It is very unfortunate that FIFA has banned Indian football. It is a very harsh decision. At the same time, I feel it is a great opportunity to get our system back in place. It is time that all the stakeholders – the AIFF, the state associations and the Sports Ministry – come together and get the system right," Bhutia said after the suspension was announced.

Hockey India hopeful of avoiding AIFF's fate

FIH delegation meets Odisha government and sports officials

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

On a day FIFA suspended the All India Football Federation (AIFF) citing 'outside interference' and seeking early elections, Hockey India (HI) appeared to be moving towards avoiding a similar fate even as the FIH delegation came visiting to take stock of the situation.

The three-member International Hockey Federation delegation held meetings with the Odisha government and sports officials in the city on Tuesday with more planned with the Committee of Administrators (CoA) over the next two days.

"The administrators have made it clear they are not in it for the long haul. A reworked constitution has already been drafted in accordance with the National Sports Code and we are hopeful of clearing any doubts about the World Cup also with the FIH," an official involved in the discussions told *The Hindu*. Bhubaneswar and Rourkela are scheduled to host the 2023 Men's World Cup in January.

The main contentious issues with Hockey India as per the court order were abolition of Life Member/President posts, curtailing the powers of the CEO as a stand-in for elected office bearers, and holding fresh elections. "The first two are not a big deal. As to holding elections, there needs to be an updated electoral college of State associations first.

"The CoA has already advised States to complete their election process by mid-September with October 1 being proposed for HI elections. Any details will only be finalised after meeting the FIH delegates but we are hopeful of completing the process well in time for the World Cup," he added.

Hockey India officials assisting the CoA in the daily functioning of the federation also played down any concerns regarding the World Cup and insisted a situation similar to football was highly unlikely.

Delhi HC appoints CoA to administer IOA

Flags "persistent recalcitrance" of the association to comply with the Sports Code

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Compliance with the Sports Code is non-negotiable, the Delhi High Court said on Tuesday while reigning in a slew of reforms for the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) including appointing a three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) to take over its affairs.

The HC put the affairs of IOA in the hands of the CoA comprising former Supreme Court judge Justice Anil R. Dave, former Chief Election Commissioner S.Y. Quraishi, and former Secretary of Ministry of External Affairs Vikas Swarup.

Retired Justice Anil R Dave. •PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

"If a sports federation does not comply with the law of the land, it will receive no recognition from the Government. All benefits and facilities to it will stop promptly," a bench of Justice Manmohan and Justice Najmi Waziri remarked.

The HC's landmark decision came on a petition by senior advocate Rahul Mehra seeking strict compliance by the IOA and the National Sports Federations (NSFs) with the Sports Code.

No permanent posts

Reiterating that the Sports Code is applicable to IOA in "full measure", the HC struck down the post of 'life president' and any such permanent post for an individual in IOA as being illegal. It further held that differential voting rights in IOA cannot be permitted.

Noting that the representation of women at the Olympics and other international sporting events is equal to men, the HC ordered that women shall comprise half of the category of sportspersons with voting rights in the General Body as well as in the EC.

The judges remarked that the history of persistent recalcitrance of the IOA for almost half a century to comply with the Sports Code make it imperative that its affairs be put in the hands of CoA.

Dhawan more than happy to help youngsters

Southpaw feels Rahul will gain a lot from this tour, is wary about hosts Zimbabwe

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He might have been relegated to vice-captaincy after K.L. Rahul's late inclusion but team's senior-most player is always ready to lend a helping hand to the youngsters who seek out for him.

Dhawan was all set to lead the team in a three-match ODI series here but now that he will be performing the duties of a deputy, he is ready to to put his best foot forward.

"I quite enjoy sharing my experience with the youngsters in the team. I first came here in 2014 (actually 2013), when Duncan Fletcher was the Indian coach. If they (youngsters) reach out to me for any suggestions, I am (always) there to answer them," Dhawan told reporters at a media conference here.

The 36-year-old southpaw is rather happy that skipper Rahul will get the much-needed game time ahead of the all-important Asia Cup.

"It is a very good news that KL (Rahul) is back and will be leading the side as well. He is one of the main players of this Indian team. It will be a good outing for him before the Asia Cup gets underway. I am sure he will gain a lot from this tour," Dhawan said.

All-rounder Washington Sundar who was a sure-shot starter against Zimbabwe was ruled out after he injured his left shoulder in the Royal London One Day Cup.

"It's sad that Washington is out. He is quite an important player for the side. But it's part and parcel, injuries happen. Hope, he will recover soon.

"He will be missed him as a spinner but we have got a good back-up through Kuldeep Yadav and Deepak Hooda, who also bowls off-spin," the Indian vice captain said.

Dhawan was of the opinion that should not take Zimbabwe, especially after its recent series win against Bangladesh.

"They have won against Bangladesh. They are playing good cricket. It's good for us and we cannot take anything for granted. It's about the process.

"Regardless of the team we are facing, we always make sure we do things right so that we end up getting the right results. That will once again be our focus as a team," Dhawan said.

Back in the mix: Dhawan feels the series against Zimbabwe will give Rahul valuable game-time ahead of the Asia Cup •AP

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A dream come true for Shahbaz

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

Six months ago, Bengal coach at the time Arun Lal predicted that the state team would lose all-rounder Shahbaz Ahmed to the Indian side 'soon'.

Now, after being named as Washington Sundar's replacement for the Indian team's three-match ODI series against Zimbabwe, Shahbaz said he wanted to be a bankable player for the National side.

"Everybody who plays cricket wants to wear the India colours. Being called up for the Indian team is a dream-come-true. Given a chance I hope I can win matches for India with my batting and bowling," said Shahbaz. The 27-year-old, aleft-handed batter and a left-arm orthodox spinner, Shahbaz thanked everyone who contributed to his growth.

SNAPSHOTS

Pakistan beats the Netherlands by 16 runs

ROTTERDAM: Pakistan beat the Netherlands by 16 runs in their first One-Day International on Tuesday.

The scores:

Pakistan 314/6 six in 50 overs (Fakhar Zaman 109, Babar Azam 74, Shadab Khan 48 n.o.) bt the Netherlands 298/8 in 50 overs (Scott Edwards 71 n.o., Vikramjit Singh 65, Tom Cooper 65, Haris Rauf 3/67, Naseem Shah 3/51).

Toss: Pakistan. *Pakistan won by 16 runs.*

Kevin O'Brien announces retirement

DUBLIN: Ireland all-rounder Kevin O'Brien, on Tuesday, announced his retirement from international cricket after falling out of contention for this year's T20 World Cup in Australia. O'Brien played three Test matches, 153 ODIs and 110 T20Is during a 16-year international career and had spells with a number of English county clubs and T20 franchise sides around the world.

O'Brien. •REUTERS

Inaugural FTP for women announced

DUBAI The Indian women's team will play as many as 65 international games in the inaugural Future Tours & Programmes (FTP) set by the ICC during the three-year-cycle between May, 2022 to April, 2025. India's share of matches will be two Tests against England and Australia along with 27 ODIs and 36 T20 Internationals during the said duration. As per the list, India hosts New Zealand, South Africa, West Indies and Ireland at home, the away series are against Australia, England, Sri Lanka (already played) and Bangladesh.

Yoddhas beat Warriors in Ultimate Kho Kho

PUNE: Adarsh Mohite dished out an all-round show as Rajasthan Telugu Yoddhas notched up its second successive win in the inaugural Ultimate Kho Kho, beating Rajasthan Warriors by 21 points on Tuesday.

Mohd. Sporting makes a winning start

KOLKATA: Mohammedan Sporting came back from being a goal behind to beat holder FC Goa 3-1 in the opening match of the Durand Cup football tournament at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Tuesday.

The result:

Group A: Mohd. Sporting 3 (Pritam Singh 49, M. Faslurahman 84, Marcus Joseph 90+3) bt FC Goa 1 (Muhammed Nemil 34).

Why Test cricket is worth saving, and how balance is the key

BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

Is Test cricket worth saving? Every generation has asked this question since March 1877 when the first-ever Test was played between England and Australia.

This assumed, of course, that Test cricket was in trouble, even dying. The reasons were often external to the game itself: from the effects of the Industrial Revolution which provided the free time to watch sports to the consequences of the modern lifestyle which is taking away that free time or has invented other ways to spend it.

The five-day Test was thus seen to be out of step with its times, an anachronism from birth. Yet it is this quality that gives the game its allure, the illogic of its existence that places it above the here-and-now, the possibility of packing so much life into a few days that imbues it with beauty and a modicum of incredulity. It is one of man's greatest inventions.

The Australian Ian Chappell, one of our great captains, who announced his retirement from the commentary box (he was a great commentator too) recently, thinks that Test cricket won't die in his lifetime but asks, who will be playing it? The implication is that the best in the game may not be playing its highest form, opting instead for the more lucrative, less time-consuming T20 formats.

In good health

And yet, ironically, Test cricket has been in remarkably good health of late. There are fewer drawn games, matches have been won by the bold and risk-averse, and crowds have turned up in good numbers.

England's 'Bazball' style, India's combination of depth and width, Australia's competitiveness all point to this.

Beyond this threesome, however, despite New Zealand having won the inaugural World Test Championship, there is less excitement, less innovation, and less enthusiasm.

Ironically too, Test cricket has gained from the T20 format. Teams tend to score at a faster rate, batsmen are no longer shy of clearing the field even when there is a fielder on the boundary, and bowlers have profited from the need to innovate and occasionally make short-term plans.

Yet, if we believe that Test cricket is winding down, two questions ask themselves. One, is that true or merely in keeping with its historic elegiac tone? If the former, then is it worth saving? Let us assume the worst, for the sake of argument, and pretend that Chappell was being optimistic when he said Test cricket wouldn't die in his lifetime.

Chappell turns 79 next month. My son, who is in his 30s and thinks that Test cricket is the greatest thing since sliced bread, would like to believe that Test cricket won't die in his lifetime either. Often when Test aficionados meet at the stadium, they tell one another: hope this format continues till we breathe our last – that's all we ask!

Mirroring life

Test cricket is a compression of life, with birth, growth and death following in inevitable order. With this bonus: everybody gets a second chance. Often over five days, it doesn't merely feel like a part of life, but like life itself. Few human activities mix beauty and brutality with such casualness. Few ask of its followers such affection, and receive it.

The following have often been enumerated before: the ebb and flow of a contest over five days, the character-revealing performances by the players, the last wicket stands that are a triumph of hope over probability, the splendour of a fast bowler at the top of his form, the sheer beauty of a cover drive, the tantalising flight of the spinner that hides so much and reveals just enough of itself to trap a batsman – these have all become cliches, but they did so because of the truth in them.

To ask if Test cricket is worth saving is like asking if painting or sculpture or music ought to be saved. All these activities connect us with our higher selves. Remove any and you eliminate an activity that floods our lives with meaning. White ball cricket is fun, and a light snack between meals of Test cricket. Played to excess the matches tend to merge into one another in our memories.

Chappell has been critical of granting Test status to Afghanistan and Ireland. Ravi Shastri has said we must have a limit of six on Test-playing countries. Both are harsh suggestions, but each contains an idea that could be followed through. Taken together they would automatically mean fewer and more focused Test matches.

As things stand, it is difficult to see Tests matching the domestic T20 tournaments for money and time – the two things cricketers want most. The former since careers are short and the latter to be with growing families, something players are increasingly opting for. Work-family balance is important.

And Test cricket is crucial both for itself and as a key element in this balance.

LIVE TELECAST

Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 2.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.
KSCA Maharaja T20: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Grand Prix Badminton League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 3 p.m.
England vs South Africa: 1st Test, day 1, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Ultimate kho-kho: Sony Ten 3 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 7.30 p.m. & 8.45 p.m.
Ireland vs Afghanistan: 5th T20I, FanCode, 8 p.m.
Pro-boxing: Vijender Singh vs Eliasu Sulley, Sports 18 Khel & Voot Select, 8.30 p.m. onwards
West Indies vs New Zealand: 1st ODI, FanCode, 11.30 p.m.

Bopanna & Middelkoop crash out

Rohan Bopanna and Matwe Middelkoop lost 7-6(6), 6-7(12), [10-6] to Karen Khachanov and Denis Shapovalov in the doubles first round of the ATP Masters 1000 tennis tournament in Cincinnati.

Other results: $15,000 ITF men, Jakarta, Indonesia: Sasikumar Mukund bt Anthony Susanto (Ina) 6-2, 6-0; Alexander Kotzen (USA) bt Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam 6-4, 3-6, 7-6(5).

Praggnanandhaa stuns Firouzja

Cashes in on his opponent's decisive errors in the first and third games

FTX CRYPTO CUP

SPORTS BUREAU

Reinforcing his growing stature, R. Praggnanandhaa stunned World No. 4 Alireza Firouzja 2.5-1.5 and joined World champion Magnus Carlsen and two others as the winners on the opening day of the $210,000 FTX Crypto Cup rapid chess tournament in Miami on Monday.

In the second major event on the $1.6 million Meltwaters Champions Chess Tour, which offers a $100,000 Bitcoin bonus in the eight-player all-play-all event, Praggnanandhaa won the first and third games with white pieces, lost the second with black and drew the fourth. The victory in the best-of-four games earned Praggnanandhaa three points, worth $7,500.

In the day's other matches at the Eden Roc Miami Beach Hotel, Carlsen defeated Anish Giri 3-1 after winning the last two games, Jan-Krzysztof Duda blanked Hans Nieman 3-0 and Levon Aronian overcame Le Quang Liem 2.5-1.5 by riding on the first-game victory with white pieces.

Great start: Praggnanandhaa joined World champion Carlsen and two others as winners on opening day. • VELANKANNI RAJ B.

Praggnanandhaa, fresh from claiming two bronze medals from the Chess Olympiad, exploited a queenside pawn-weakness of Firouzja, established an advanced central pawn and then launched a calculated offensive on the castled black king. Firouzja gave up on the 44th move.

In the second game, Praggnanandhaa not only missed a winning continuation on the 33rd move but also blundered decisively. This let Firouzja capture Praggnanandhaa's advanced pawn and destroy the king's fortress to win in 42 moves.

Undeterred

Undeterred, Praggnanandhaa regained the lead in the third game after gaining from a late error from Firouzja. In the rook-and-pawn ending, though Praggnanandha held an extra pawn, the game headed for a theoretical draw. Suddenly, Firouzja misplayed his rook on the 68th move to give Praggnanandhaa a huge, decisive advantage that the Indian went on to convert over the next eight moves.

Facing a must-win situation to stay alive in the contest, Firouzja could not get any advantage in the fourth game.

In fact, Praggnanandhaa appeared better after the opening phase. As the game progressed, it became clear that draw was the most likely result. Eventually it ended in 54 moves with just the kings left on the board.

Next, Praggnanandhaa plays Anish, Carlsen takes on Nieman, Firouzja faces Liem and Duda clashes with Aronian.

For each game, the players have 15 minutes on their clocks, plus a 10-second increment for each move. In case of a 2-2 tie, two five-minute blitz games with three-second increment for a move will follow. In case the tie persists, it will be time for the Armageddon game, where white has five minutes to black's four. A draw counts as a win for black. No draw-offer allowed before move 40.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

PPC, Mount Club clinch titles

PPC and Mounts Club won the boys' and girls' titles respectively in the State Youth under-16 basketball championship at Sree Kanteerava Stadium courts here on Tuesday.

The results (finals):
Boys: PPC 85 (Milind 38, Hriday 25) bt VNSC 50 (Daksh 23, Vani 15); **Girls** : Mounts Club 61 (Daisy 25, Kashish 12) bt DYES Mandya 53 (Dhanushree 14).

Bulls gore Tigers, go to the top

Mandya Bulls blanked Kodagu Tigers 7-0 in a Group-A tie in the Grand Prix Badminton League at the Karnataka Badminton Association here on Tuesday. By the virtue of their win, the Mandya Bulls climbed to the top of the leader-board while the winless Kodagu Tigers bowed out of the tournament.

Champions: The Ramaiah Insitute of Technology team that won the State-level inter-college basketball championship conducted by Aditya College of Management Studies and Research. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The result: Mandya Bulls bt Kodagu Tigers 7-0 (Ananya Praveen bt Rujula Ramu 15-13, 14-15, 15-7; Ashith Surya/Sai Pratheek bt Saif Ali/Vasantha Kumar 15-8,15-8; Anirudh Deshpande (Trump) bt Saneeth Dayanand (Trump) 15-10, 15-9; M. Madhusudhn/ Ruth Misha Vinod lost to Saneeth Dayanand/Ramya Venkatesh 9-15, 8-15; Ashith Surya/Sai Pratheek/M. Madhusudhn bt Saif Ali/Adarsh Kumar/Vasantha Kumar 21-13.

Aadesh, Abhirudh hit tons in Rajajinagar Cricketers' win

Aadesh Urs (111) and B.N. Abhirudh (114 n.o.) helped Rajajinagar Cricketers defeat Malleswaram Gymkhana in the KSCA under-19 inter-club tournament here.

The scores: Rajajinagar Cricketers 285/4 in 50 overs (Aadesh Urs 111, B.N. Abhirudh 114 n.o.) bt Malleswaram Gymkhana 158 in 41.1 overs (Saurav Samant 46, Shashank Kiran 3/35, Arshil Rajendra 3/31).

Swastic Union (1) 392/8 in 50 overs (Bhuvan Raju 84, Vikram Kumar 45, Vishal Onat 85, Harsha Wardhan 53, Aryan Nambiar 27 n.o., Nouman Rahaman 4/74) bt Friends Union Cricketers 118 in 27.2 overs (Yashas Vihaan 30, Aryan Nambiar 3/23, Mohsin Khan 4/50).

Friends Union (2) 183/2 in 30 overs (Vishnu Viran 45, Vedanth Iyer 75 n.o., G. Thrishar 33 n.o.) bt Neptune 163/8 in 30 overs (Yash Jadhav 35, Dev Surana 27, Rishab Navarathan 66, Sri Bhagath 3/48) (Overs reduced due to rain)

Coles 209 in 39 overs (Appachu Manavtira 27, Adwait Jain 26, Sarvesh Raju 40, Aditya Gupta 40, Siddhant Pathak 30, Yash Math 3/49, Niharish Poojary 4/23) bt Lions 94 in 26 overs (Sanmay Rudrawadi 30).

Swastic Union (1) 199 in 47.1 overs (Vikram Kumar 34, Aashish Mahesh 28, Vishal Onat 30, Harsha Wardhan 41, Raja Shankar 3/22, Darsan Reddy 3/32) bt Jawahar (2) 32 in 16 overs.

Hanumanthnagar 94 in 30 overs (Amogh Shetty 42) lost to Jaidur Cricketers 100/6 in 30 overs (Siddesh Suggavi 25 n.o., Sidvin Gowda 3/7).

Bangalore Occasionals 224 in 49 overs (Ashwin Santosh 119, Karna Surya 3/45, Yogesh 3/42) lost to Engrades 99/3 in 19.5 overs (Karna Surya 63 n.o.) (Target revised to 99 in 22 overs due to rain).

SNAPSHOTS

Amitabh Chaudhary passes away

RANCHI: Amitabh Chaudhary, the former BCCI acting secretary and president of Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA), died of a heart attack on Tuesday morning. He was 62. A retired senior IPS officer, Chaudhary was instrumental in getting the First Class status for Jharkhand after BCCI disbanded the Bihar Cricket Association.

He also served as a BCCI joint-secretary and was an administrative manager with the Indian team on a few occasions. Chaudhary's acting secretaryship tenure coincided with the period when Committee of Administrators (CoA) was in charge.

Liverpool posts another draw

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool fought back with 10 men to prevent a first Premier League defeat in front of fans at Anfield since 2017 in a 1-1 draw on Monday as Darwin Nunez was sent off on his home debut. Luis Diaz's sensational strike salvaged a point for the Reds after Wilfried Zaha opened the scoring for Palace in the first half.

The results: Premier League: Liverpool 1 (Diaz 61) drew with Crystal Palace 1 (Zaha 32).
Serie A: Juventus 3 (Di Maria 26, Vlahovic 43-pen, 51) bt Sassuolo 0; Verona 2 (Lasagna 29, Henry 48) lost to Napoli 5 (Kvaratskhelia 37, Osimhen 45+3, Zielinski 55, Lobotka 65, Politano 79).
La Liga: Athletic Bilbao 0 drew with Real Mallorca 0; Getafe 0 lost to Atletico Madrid 3 (Morata 15, 59, Griezmann 75); Real Betis 3 (Iglesias 28, Juanmi 39, 60) bt Elche 0.

Afghanistan team for Asia Cup

KABUL: The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB), on Tuesday, announced a 17-member squad for the upcoming Asia Cup (Aug. 27 to Sept. 11 in UAE).

The squad: Mohammad Nabi (capt.), Najibullah Zadran (vice-capt.), Afsar Zazai (wk), Azmatullah Omarzai, Farid Ahmad Malik, Fazal Haq Farooqi, Hashmatullah Shahidi, Hazratullah Zazai, Ibrahim Zadran, Karim Janat, Mujib Ur Rahman, Najibullah Zadran, Naveen ul Haq, Noor Ahmad, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Rashid Khan and Samiullah Shinwari.
Reserves: Nijat Masoud, Qais Ahmad and Sharafuddin Ashraf.

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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Har Ghar Tiranga
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Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Thank you..

I want to thank the people of Karnataka for making our Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign a stupendous success. The Tricolour was hoisted at over 1.25 Crore houses, shops, establishments and government offices of the state making 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign an unparalleled success.

We have also celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in a meaningful way over the last year. Scores of programs have been held across the state to remember freedom fighters and their sacrifices and to cherish nationalist thoughts (Chintana Manthana). All these have created an upsurge in patriotism and nationalism in the state. The enthusiasm shown by common people has spurred political parties and organizations to take to streets to celebrate 75th anniversary of India's independence on a grand scale.

The unprecedented success of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' for three days is a testimony to the deep love felt by Kannadigas towards their flag and country. This campaign, held during the auspicious time of Amrit Mahotsav and celebrated in the most memorable way, was the cherished dream of our dear prime minister. I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for realizing this dream. The success of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' has been the pinnacle of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations. The 'Amrit Kaal' has truly begun now.

The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign has inspired the state's youth and has inculcated a spirit of patriotism in them. I am overwhelmed by the phenomenal response of citizens from all walks of life leaving aside their affiliations to party, caste, creed and religion. I thank one and all from the bottom of my heart. May the patriotism and national fervor kindled by people's involvement in this campaign take the State of Karnataka to greater heights in the coming years.

Once again, I express my heartfelt gratitude to the people of my state.

Yours,

Basavaraj S. Bommai

As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

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